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Parkland resource officer to face trial

Unique case will address accusations of inaction in Florida school massacre

BY TIMOTHY BELLA

PARKLAND, FLA. — Scot Peterson is about 750 miles away and more than five years removed from the worst day of his life. He's 60 now and lives a modest, anonymous existence in a mountain town in rural North Carolina.

Yet no matter the distance or time, Peterson finds himself reliving Feb. 14, 2018, the day a gunman killed 17 people and injured 17 others at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in South Florida while he stood at a safe distance, branding him as "the Coward of Broward."

"I reflect on that shooting every single day, many times per day," Peterson told The Washington Post in an email. "How can you not when a monster shot 34 people?"

The school's resource officer for nearly a decade, Peterson didn't set foot inside the building where the shooting was happening, despite being the first armed officer at the scene. The Broward County Sheriff's Office fired him in response, and later he was charged with seven counts of felony child neglect for allegedly not doing more to protect students.

Now Peterson is gearing up to defend himself at a trial that is believed to mark the first time a U.S. police officer faces such a process in connection with alleged inaction during a school shooting. Peterson has insisted there was nothing else he could have done, contending the lack of information and echo of gunfire made it impossible to determine

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HOME-SCHOOL NATION



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Christina Beall puts her arm around son Oliver as daughter Aimee walks ahead of them outside Loudoun County's Round Hill Elementary in February. Aimee was the first of the Beall kids to go to public school, starting as a 6-year-old in 2021.

THE REVOLT OF CHRISTIAN HOME-SCHOOLERS

BY PETER JAMISON

ROUND HILL, VA. — They said goodbye to Aimee outside her elementary school, watching nervously as she joined the other children streaming into a low brick building framed by the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Christina and Aaron Beall stood among many families resuming an emotional but familiar routine: the first day of full-time, in-person classes since public schools closed at the beginning of the pandemic.

But for the Bealls, that morning in late August 2021 carried a weight incomprehensible to the parents around them. Their 6-year-old daughter, wear-

Aaron and Christina Beall had been raised to believe public schools were evil. Then the Virginia couple defied their families and enrolled their children.

ing a sequined blue dress and a pink backpack that almost obscured her small body, hesitated as she reached the doors. Although Aaron had told her again and again how brave she was, he knew it would be years before she understood how much he meant it — understood that for her mother and father, the decision to send her to school was nothing less than a revolt.

Aaron and Christina had never attended school when they were children. Until a few days earlier, when Round Hill Elementary held a back-to-school open house, they had rarely set foot inside a school building. Both had been raised to believe that public schools were tools of a demonic social order, government "indoctrination camps" devoted to the propagation of lies and the subversion of Christian families.

At a time when home education was still a fringe phenomenon, the Bealls had grown up in the most powerful and ideologically committed faction of the

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Debt deal clears House

RUSH ON TO GET BILL THROUGH SENATE

Bipartisan vote a step back from default cliff

BY MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR, PAUL KANE AND RACHEL SIEGEL

The House voted Wednesday night to pass a painstakingly negotiated bill to suspend the debt ceiling, limit federal spending and avert a catastrophic U.S. government default, securing a major win for the GOP and the White House that seemed elusive just days ago.

The deal — brokered over the weekend by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) and President Biden — was an enormous test for the narrow Republican House majority, their leader's shaky hold over his party and a White House that had long refused to compromise on the debt ceiling at all. At times, talks unraveled; at others, McCarthy and Biden projected confidence that they could strike a deal and stave off an unprecedented default on the nation's debt.

In the end, they got a 314-117 bipartisan vote for passage of a 99-page bill that now heads to the Senate, where lawmakers will rush to enact the legislation before Monday — when the United States will no longer be able to pay its bills.

No one got everything they wanted. Many liberal Democrats opposed the bill, objecting to curbs on government spending and to new work requirements for some recipients of federal food

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Texas welcomed Musk. Rural residents are unsure.

The billionaire is weathering a barrage of complaints from critics who say he's moving too fast

BY JEANNE WHALEN

BASTROP COUNTY, TEX. — Chap Ambrose has always been a fan of Elon Musk. He spent $100 to join the waiting list for Tesla's first pickup in 2019 and bought internet service from Musk's satellite provider.

But then the billionaire's companies moved in next door to the computer programmer, who works from his rural, hilltop home.

Two years later, massive construction sites and large white warehouses have taken over the green pastures where cattle used to graze. Semis barrel up and down the narrow country roads. And the companies — rocket manufacturer SpaceX and tunneling company Boring — are seeking state permission to dump treated wastewater into the nearby Colorado River.

"I just have no faith that the leadership there values the environment and these shared resources," said Ambrose, who leads a group of local residents pushing Musk's companies to slow down and address concerns about the

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Skip Connett, an organic farmer in Bastrop County, Tex., said Elon Musk's projects are part of a development boom coming from Austin that is threatening the environment.

Senate leaders feeling time crunch on measure

Just a few days left to act before Monday's deadline arrives

BY MARIANNE LEVINE

Senate leaders are working to tamp down any chance of last-minute issues in their ranks as Congress races to pass a debt ceiling suspension bill ahead of a Monday deadline.

The House passed the bipartisan legislation late Wednesday night, giving the Senate just a few days to act on it before the government won't have enough money to pay its bills. Neither Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) nor Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) gave any indication passage was in jeopardy, but rather stressed Wednesday that time was of the essence.

"Either we proceed quickly and send this bipartisan agreement to the president's desk or the federal government will default for the first time ever," Schumer said in remarks on the Senate floor. "We're getting close to finally putting the threat of default behind us, but there's more work to do."

But even before the House's approval, liberal and conservative senators both had started raising concerns over aspects of the legislation. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) said that he planned to oppose the debt limit deal, saying he couldn't "in good conscience" support it. And at least two Republican senators suggested they would be asking for amendment votes that may slow down the legislation's path to final passage.

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) indicated that he's willing to allow the deal to move through the Senate at a faster rate in exchange for a vote on his amendment, which would cut total federal spending by 5 percent a year. And Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) told reporters he doesn't "have any desire to hold [the legislation] up for the sake of holding it up." But he plans to also propose his own

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Families of Boeing Max victims can seek damages

BY MICHAEL LARIS

A federal judge ruled late Tuesday that the family members of passengers killed on a Boeing 737 Max plane in Ethiopia can seek damages for the "pre-impact emotional distress" their loved ones faced in 2019.

Boeing had argued earlier this year that evidence presented by lawyers about the pain and suffering of victims would have been speculative. U.S. District Court Judge Jorge Alonso in Chicago rejected that argument.

The decision was the latest in a multiyear legal fight between families of the dead and the airplane manufacturer. Relatives of many of the 346 people killed on Max planes in Ethiopia — and Indonesia the year before — have settled with the company, but a handful of cases are headed for trial in Illinois on June 20.

Alonso noted that jurors will hear testimony about the history of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302, including a description of the aircraft's movements before the crash outside the capital of Addis Ababa.

"Based on even a bare-bones version of that evidence, jurors could plainly draw a reasonable inference . . . that the passengers experienced emotional distress as the aircraft rose and fell, rose again, then plunged," Alonso wrote in his ruling.

A lawyer for the families, Robert A. Clifford, said in a statement that the victims "endured extreme G-forces, braced for impact, knew the airplane was malfunctioning, and ultimately plummeted nose-down to the ground at nearly 600 miles per hour, leaving a crater 30 feet deep."

As a result of the ruling, evidence of the emotional distress, pain and suffering the passengers faced will be presented to jurors to hold Boeing accountable, Clifford said.

Boeing on Wednesday reiterated that the company is "deeply sorry to all who lost loved ones" on the two flights.

"We acknowledged the terrible impact of these tragic accidents and made an upfront commitment to fully and fairly compensate every family who suffered a loss," Boeing said in a statement, noting that it has settled "a significant majority of claims and we will continue to work to constructively resolve the remaining cases."

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> **Boeing**

In a legal motion, Boeing argued that under Illinois law, compensation for pain and suffering is at issue only when it is caused by bodily injury. The company's motion said injuries cited by families' attorneys were speculative.

In his ruling, Alonso rejected Boeing's argument that "the passengers had no time to experience conscious pain and suffering after injury because they died immediately upon impact." The judge said families are not required to prove that passengers were injured to seek damages for the fright and terror they faced before the crash.

The planes crashed after a faulty automated flight-control system repeatedly forced their noses down, overpowering actions taken by the pilots. Congressional investigators said the crashes resulted from a culmination of faulty technical assumptions by Boeing engineers, a lack of transparency from Boeing management and insufficient oversight by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Tex. governor appoints Trump ally as interim AG

Impeached, suspended Paxton awaits his trial in the state Senate

BY MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE



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John Scott briefly joined former president Donald Trump's legal team last year as it challenged the 2020 election results.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) on Wednesday appointed former secretary of state John Scott, an ally of Donald Trump, to temporarily replace embattled Attorney General Ken Paxton, who was impeached and suspended last weekend for alleged criminal misconduct.

Scott was a safe choice for Abbott, who has faced criticism from Trump and other Paxton supporters for not defending him in recent days.

"MISSING IN ACTION! Where is the Governor of Texas on his Attorney General's Impeachment?" Trump posted after the Texas House's impeachment vote on Saturday.

Paxton's backers have since protested in the Dallas suburb of Collin County that he calls home, castigating not only Republicans who voted for impeachment but those, like Abbott, who failed to stand up for the conservative legal firebrand.

In announcing Scott's appointment, the governor stressed that he was a time-limited replacement pending Paxton's trial in the state Senate this summer. The incumbent faces 20 charges, including obstruction of justice, bribery and abuse of public trust.

"John Scott has the background and experience needed to step in as a short-term interim Attorney General during the time the Attorney General has been suspended from duty," Abbott said in a statement that didn't mention Paxton by name.

When Abbott was attorney general, Scott was his deputy and defended the state's strict voter ID law. He later was appointed to lead the state's Health and Human Services Commission and then, two years ago, to serve as the state's chief elections officer. He resigned in December before the Senate could vote on his appointment, which was controversial given his ties to the former president. Scott briefly joined Trump's legal team as it challenged the 2020 presidential election results.

"Trump supporters and Paxton supporters can't attack Abbott for appointing someone who's insufficiently conservative," said Mark Jones, a political science professor at Rice University. He noted that the appointment also blunts conservative criticism that "without Paxton, the attorney general's office will be ineffectual and therefore the Biden administration will be able to get away with things."

Trump defended Paxton ahead of the House's historic impeachment vote — only the third in the state's nearly 200-year history. "Hopefully, Republicans in the Texas House will agree that this is a very unfair process that should not be allowed to happen or proceed — I will fight you if it does. … ELECTION INTERFERENCE! Free Ken Paxton, let them wait for the next election!" Trump wrote.

Paxton's chief deputy, Brent Webster, was passed over to fill in until his boss's trial. He faces his own potential conflicts of interest: He appeared with Paxton at a briefing following his impeachment and afterward allowed a half dozen of Paxton's deputies to take leave to aid his defense, though all could be called as witnesses by the Senate.

Paxton served for a dozen years in the GOP-controlled legislature and won three attorney general's races, most recently last fall.

He has been under felony indictment for securities fraud since 2015, the year he first became attorney general.

The FBI opened an investigation in November 2020 on allegations, reported by some of Paxton's top aides, that he had used his office to benefit a wealthy donor. Four of those aides were fired and then filed lawsuits alleging retaliation. Last spring, Paxton reached a $3.3 million settlement with the whistleblowers contingent on the state footing the bill. House members balked and started their own investigation. (The FBI's probe ended without any charges.)

As House members debated impeachment Saturday, some said Paxton had made threatening calls to them and state senators. They said binders of materials supporting Paxton's case were later distributed to senators. State Rep. Eddie Morales, a Democrat from West Texas, sent the House committee investigating Paxton a letter requesting that it amend the charges to include intimidation and jury tampering.

"It raises a lot of questions and concerns," Johnson said of the binders, although she declined to comment on Wednesday about whether the committee would investigate.

Paxton has dismissed the impeachment charges as "hearsay and gossip, parroting long-disproven claims" and an attempt to "overthrow the will of the people and disenfranchise the voters of our state." His removal from office would require a two-thirds vote by the Senate's 19 Republicans and a dozen Democrats. His wife and fellow Republican, state Sen. Angela Paxton, has yet to recuse herself.

Senate impeachment managers are expected to announce rules for the trial on June 20. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, another Trump ally who will preside over the proceedings, must set a trial date to start by Aug. 28.

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• A May 29 Style article about a top military aide to Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) misstated the last name of a person described in an anecdote about the Miss Alabama contest. She is Nan Teninbaum, not Nan Tannenbaum.

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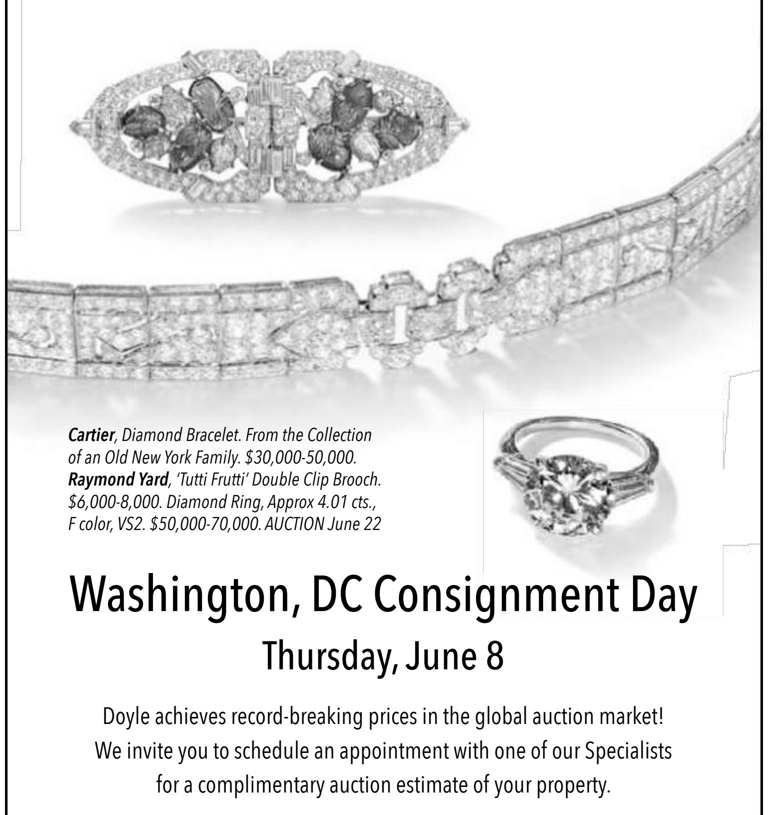
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Meta threatens to block news in Calif. over bill to help journalism

BY NAOMI NIX AND CRISTIANO LIMA

Meta is threatening to block users in California from sharing news articles on its social media networks to protest a state legislative proposal that would force tech companies to pay publishers for their content.

The social media giant said Wednesday that if the California Journalism Preservation Act passes, the company would "be forced" to pull news from Facebook and Instagram in the state rather than agree to pay news outlets the journalism usage fee the bill would require.

Meta's stand mirrors its responses to a wave of regulatory proposals around the world that aim to bolster the struggling news industry by requiring social media firms to negotiate deals with news outlets for content shared on their platforms. Over the years, traditional news publishers have lost key revenue sources, while tech companies became the predominant beneficiaries of the digital advertising market.

In response, media advocates have been pushing bills that would force the Silicon Valley giants to share more of their revenue with publishers, arguing the companies are benefiting from the content that news outlets pay to produce. Tech companies oppose such proposals, saying they fail to take into account the value their platforms provide to the news outlets by distributing their content.

In recent years, Meta has threatened to pull news from its platforms in protest of similar proposals in Australia and Canada. The law eventually passed in Australia and has been credited with directing an estimated $130 million annually to news outlets from Meta and Google. The Canadian proposal is under consideration.

Lawmakers in D.C. dropped a measure last year that would have created a temporary carve-out in antitrust law to allow publishers to band together to negotiate with the tech giants over the distribution of their content after Meta said it would "consider removing news from our platform" if it passed.

The California bill calls for large tech companies to pay a "journalism usage fee" whenever they run ads next to news content. The bill also would require publishers to spend the majority of the money they receive through the law to hire and retain journalists.

Meta spokesman Andy Stone in a tweet said the bill would primarily benefit out-of-state media companies "under the guise of aiding California publishers."

"The bill fails to recognize that publishers and broadcasters put their content on our platform themselves and that substantial consolidation in California's local news industry came over 15 years ago, well before Facebook was widely used," Stone wrote.

The bill is sponsored by State Assembly member Buffy Wicks (D), who has proposed a number of bills targeting the tech giants, including one signed into law last year that requires tech companies to vet their products for potential harms to children before rolling them out. NetChoice, a trade group that counts Meta, Amazon and other tech companies as members, is suing to block the measure, arguing it is unconstitutional. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

"This threat from Meta is a scare tactic that they've tried to deploy, unsuccessfully, in every country that's attempted this," Wicks said.

The bill has cleared two key state committee votes, and a vote on the measure in the Assembly is expected Thursday, Wicks's office said.

"The bigger picture here is that a ban on publisher content would be a lose-lose situation for Facebook and for publishers," said Jasmine Enberg, an analyst who covers social media for analytics firm Insider Intelligence. "Despite what Meta says, news does generate a ton of engagement for Facebook in particular, which brings in ad dollars."

If California enacts the law and Meta follows through on its threat, it would mark the first time the company has blocked news content in the United States.

DIGEST

CALIFORNIA

Actor found guilty of rape on retrial

A Los Angeles jury on Wednesday found actor Danny Masterson guilty of raping two women at his home in California in the early 2000s, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced after the verdict. The jury was deadlocked on a third count of rape.

Masterson, 47, best known for his role as Steven Hyde on the sitcom "That '70s Show," faces up to 30 years in prison. The jury deliberated for seven days, over the course of roughly two weeks.

Masterson has denied the allegations. His defense told the court that he had consensual sex with the women. Prosecutors told jurors that Masterson drugged the women's drinks so he could rape them and that he used his influence in the Church of Scientology to avoid consequences for years.

Sentencing is set for Aug. 4.

The verdict comes after a years-old investigation and an initial mistrial. The first trial, where three alleged survivors gave detailed testimonies, ended in a deadlocked jury. A retrial began May 17, during which experts were allowed to testify about the policies of the Church of Scientology.

Masterson was arrested and charged in 2020 after a three-year investigation in a rare prosecution of a celebrity during the #MeToo era. He was accused of raping three women between 2001 and 2003.

All three accusers said they, as well as Masterson, belonged to the Church of Scientology when the alleged crimes occurred.

— Maham Javaid and Herb Scribner

OKLAHOMA

High court strikes down 2 abortion bans

The Oklahoma Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday that two state laws banning abortion are unconstitutional, but the procedure remains illegal in the state in nearly all cases except life-threatening situations.

In a 6-3 ruling, the high court said the two bans are unconstitutional because they require a "medical emergency" before a doctor can perform an abortion. The court said this language conflicts with a previous ruling it issued in March that determined the Oklahoma Constitution provides an "inherent right of a pregnant woman to terminate a pregnancy when necessary to preserve her life."

The laws struck down Wednesday in Oklahoma both included a civil-enforcement mechanism, first enacted in Texas in 2021, that allowed citizens to sue someone who either performed or helped someone perform an abortion.

"Despite the court's decisions today on SB 1603 and HB 4327, Oklahoma's 1910 law prohibiting abortion remains in place," Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond said in a statement.

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GEORGIA

3 behind bail fund for protests arrested

Police on Wednesday arrested three Atlanta organizers who have been aiding protesters against the city's proposed police and fire training center, striking at the structure that supports the fight against what opponents derisively call "Cop City."

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation announced its agents and Atlanta police had arrested three leaders of the Atlanta Solidarity Fund, which has bailed out protesters and helped them find lawyers.

Charged with money laundering and charity fraud are Marlon Scott Kautz, 39, of Atlanta; Savannah D. Patterson, 30, of Savannah; and Adele MacLean, 42, of Atlanta.

State investigators said they found evidence linking all three to financial crimes. Police executed warrants Wednesday morning at a house owned by Kautz and MacLean.

MacLean, Kautz and Patterson are respectively the CEO, chief financial officer and secretary of the Network for Strong Communities, which was incorporated in 2020 and runs the Atlanta Solidarity Fund.

More than 40 people have been charged with domestic terrorism in connection with protests over the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center.

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POLITICS & THE NATION

‘Fox Hunt’ trial starts with trio accused of aiding China

Threats and harassment alleged in targeting of Chinese nationals

BY SHAYNA JACOBS

NEW YORK — A retired New York police sergeant and two other men illegally participated in a Chinese government program to threaten and harass a New Jersey couple to try to force them to return to China, federal prosecutors said in court Wednesday.

The proceeding in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn is expected to shed light on the Chinese government's extrajudicial efforts to force Chinese nationals that Beijing officials view as criminals or threats to the country to return against their will.

Authorities said the case is the first in a campaign known as "Operation Fox Hunt" to go to trial in a U.S. courtroom. The initiative has involved threats against family members of its targets, spying and harassment, according to Justice Department officials.

In 2020, the Brooklyn U.S. attorney's office charged former police officer Michael McMahon, who allegedly participated in illegal conduct involving China's government by investigating and tracking a pair of its targets in New Jersey while working as a private investigator.



BRENDAN MCDERMID/REUTERS

Former police officer Michael McMahon arrives for trial in Brooklyn. He and two others are accused of being involved in a program to find and force the return to China of people the government is seeking.

Two Chinese men living in New York — Yong Zhu and Congying Zhen — are also on trial and accused of participating in the effort.

Zhu allegedly found and hired McMahon on behalf of Beijing officials.

Zhen is accused of staking out the victims' home and leaving a note that said the husband should surrender to China to protect his family.

The defendants face charges related to acting as illegal foreign agents and interstate stalking. Each man faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Irisa Chen said in her opening statement Wednesday that McMahon was hired to conduct surveillance and background checks for the Chinese government. China was trying to find Xu Jin, who was accused of stealing money there, and his wife, Liu Fang.

Prosecutors did not say whether the Chinese allegations against Jin were thought to be fabricated. An attorney for Zhen said in his opening remarks that Jin was accused of stealing $30 million from the government.

As part of the plan to find the couple, Chinese officials sent Jin's 83-year-old father from Wuhan to New Jersey for an unannounced visit to try to get the man to persuade his son to return.

McMahon allegedly helped China figure out where Jin lived by following him home after he went to see his father.

Attorneys for all three defendants said their clients did not know their dealings related to the family were with officials from China.

McMahon's attorney, Lawrence Lustberg, said his client thought he was assisting in a civil investigation for a construction company when he began tracking the couple.

He thought he was hired to investigate what was believed to be an act of embezzlement against the company, Lustberg said.

"He had no idea that in performing normal functions of an investigation that he was working for China," Lustberg said.

The attorney also said that at no point did McMahon intimidate or attempt to scare the couple.

Lustberg said that McMahon notified police departments in two New Jersey towns where he was conducting surveillance that he was there doing so.

"He did what he always does without ever being informed that he was working for the Chinese government," Lustberg said.

Zhen's attorney, Paul Goldberger, said his client was hired by a man in California and had no indication the tasks he was assigned were for the Chinese government.

Kevin Tung, an attorney for Zhu, said his client was not a criminal, but a victim of the Chinese government's efforts to intimidate people it considers to be fugitives.

He was pulled into the situation with an offer of $600 for three days' work.

Tung said Zhu thought he was helping to collect a private $400,000 debt.

"He was used by those people if those people are the Chinese government," Tung said.

Prosecutors have recording of Trump discussing sensitive Iran document

Audio could undercut key defense claims in classified materials case

BY DEVLIN BARRETT, JOSH DAWSEY AND CAROL D. LEONNIG

Special counsel Jack Smith has obtained a 2021 recording in which Donald Trump appears to brag about having a classified document related to Iran, suggesting the former president understood both the legal and security concerns around his possession of such restricted information, multiple people familiar with the matter said Wednesday.

The recording was made at a meeting at Trump's golf course in Bedminster, N.J., said the people, who like others interviewed for this article spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing criminal investigation. The audio features Trump describing a multi-page document that he claims is about possibly attacking Iran, expressing a desire to share that information with others but also making some kind of acknowledgment that he shouldn't do so, the people said.

The existence of the recording was first reported by CNN. It has not been made public, and the people familiar with it would not describe Trump's statements verbatim. But for Justice Department prosecutors examining Trump's possible mishandling of classified documents after leaving the White House, the audio could be important evidence about Trump's state of mind and his understanding of the rules about classified information — and it might show the path of certain sensitive documents once they left the White House.

Trump's lawyers have suggested that the former president either did not know he possessed classified documents after leaving the White House or could have declassified such material while in office.

Smith's investigation appears to be centered on classified material discovered last August at Mar-a-Lago, Trump's Florida home and private club, weeks after the Justice Department demanded the return of all documents marked classified and a lawyer for Trump handed over documents said to be responsive to that subpoena.

For the Justice Department, evidence that Trump knew he had classified material, and understood the restrictions on sharing it, would be an important part of any charging decision.

A spokesman for Smith declined to comment. A Trump spokesperson replied to an email seeking comment by decrying leaks about the investigation, which he said "are designed to inflame tensions and continue the media's harassment of President Trump and his supporters."

In a section of his book, "The Chief's Chief," Trump's former chief of staff, Mark Meadows, appears to describe the meeting where the recording obtained by the Justice Department was made.

The book mentions Trump discussing a document he tries to link to a frequent target of his ire at the time, Gen. Mark A. Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Meadows describes a scene at Bedminster in which a relaxed Trump expounds on how he is waiting to re-engage with politics at a time of his choosing.

"The president recalls a four-page report typed up by Mark Milley himself. It contains the general's own plan to attack Iran, deploying massive numbers of troops, something he urged President Trump to do more than once during his presidency. President Trump denied those requests every time."

A spokesman for Milley declined to comment, as did a lawyer for Meadows.

Two people familiar with the recorded conversation said Smith's prosecutors have asked witnesses about Trump's apparent awareness that the document he was discussing was something sensitive that he could not share or declassify after leaving office.

Perry Stein and Jacqueline Alemany contributed to this report.

House Oversight chair seeks to hold FBI director in contempt of Congress

BY JACQUELINE ALEMANY AND PERRY STEIN

The Republican chairman of the House Oversight and Accountability Committee said he will seek to hold FBI Director Christopher A. Wray in contempt of Congress, rejecting Wray's offer to allow lawmakers to view an internal bureau document in a secure location instead of handing the document to the committee in response to a subpoena.

Wray spoke by phone Wednesday with Chairman James Comer (R-Ky.) about the committee's demand for a form submitted by a confidential informant containing unsubstantiated allegations about President Biden and his family. Wray also spoke in a separate call with ranking minority member Jamie Raskin (D-Md.).

FBI officials told Comer this week that Justice Department policy prevents them from giving the document to the committee because it could compromise a confidential source and dissuade others from bringing sensitive information to law enforcement agencies in the future. Wray said he could make a redacted version of the form available for review, but the lawmaker was not satisfied.

"We have been clear that anything short of producing these documents to the House Oversight Committee is not in compliance with the subpoena," Comer said in a statement. "If the FBI fails to hand over the FD-1023 form as required by the subpoena, the House Oversight Committee will begin contempt of Congress proceedings."

The FBI issued a statement as well, saying that Wray gave Comer "an opportunity to review information responsive to the subpoena in a secure manner to accommodate the committee, while protecting the confidentiality and safety of sources and important investigative sensitivities. ... The FBI remains committed to cooperating with the Committee in good faith."

A contempt vote would be the most significant confrontation between House Republicans and federal law enforcement since Republicans took control of Congress in January.

Comer and other GOP lawmakers, including Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), have accused the FBI and the Justice Department of being biased against conservatives and failing to properly investigate allegations against Biden and his relatives.

At the same time, however, Comer has struggled to present substantive findings in his investigation. He has raised questions about business dealings between foreign entities and Hunter Biden when his father was vice president. But Comer has presented no evidence of illegal activity or any direct link to the elder Biden.

The showdown with Wray is over an FD-1023 form, used to record information from a person the FBI considers to be a "confidential human source." In this case, Comer said, the form included allegations that as vice president, Biden received money from a foreign national in exchange for favorable policy decisions.

The FBI declined to discuss the allegations, which are unverified and have not resulted in any criminal charges. In a statement, the bureau said that revealing "unverified or possibly incomplete information" could harm investigations or put informants at risk.

"An FD-1023 form is used by FBI agents to record unverified reporting by a confidential human source," the statement said. "Documenting the information does not validate it, establish its credibility, or weigh it against other information verified by the FBI."

Comer has said he learned about the allegations from a whistleblower whom he declined to identify but has described as "very credible."

People involved with the investigation, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss it, have said that Democrats on the committee believe Comer is using the term "whistleblower" to avoid sharing information on the individual more widely with congressional investigators seeking to verify the claims.

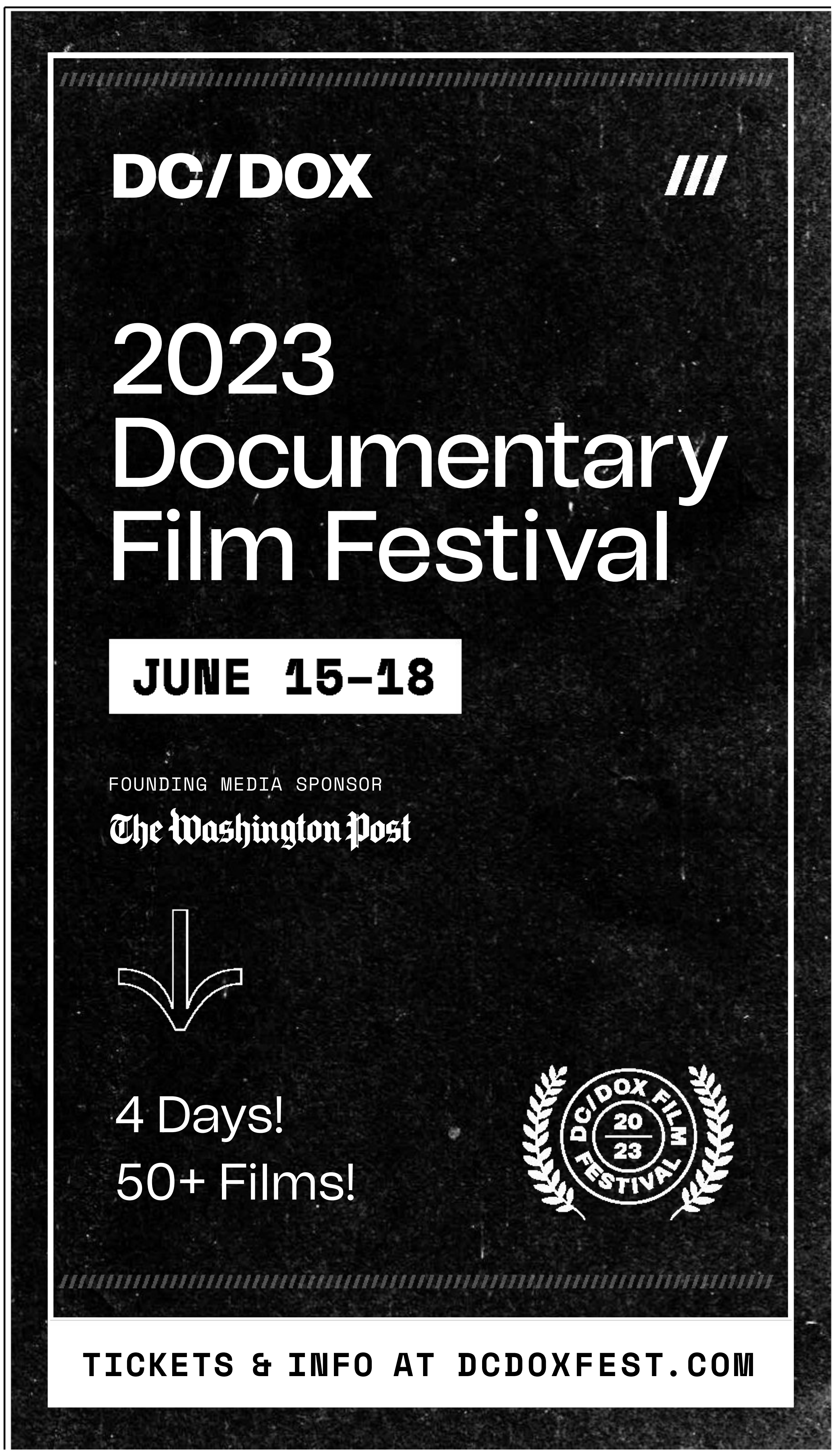
After speaking with Wray on Wednesday, Raskin issued a statement that criticized Comer for rejecting the FBI's offer to review an unsubstantiated document, noting that Comer has claimed in public interviews to have already reviewed the form without the FBI handing it over.

"It is increasingly clear that Committee Republicans have always planned to hold Director Wray in contempt of Congress to distract from the obvious fact that they do not have evidence to support their unfounded accusations against President Biden," Raskin said.

Any effort to hold Wray in contempt would be voted on by Comer's committee, and then by the full House. A vote could be brought to the House floor as early as next week.

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) indicated in a Fox News interview earlier this week that he was prepared to move the contempt charges against Wray if he did not meet Comer's deadline.

"We have jurisdiction over this," McCarthy said. "He can send us that document. We have the right to look at that. ... They are not above the law."



U.S. denounces China for refusal to meet after ‘aggressive’ fighter jet move

Beijing says American reconnaissance flights endanger its security

BY DAN LAMOTHE AND MISSY RYAN

Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Wednesday denounced China’s apparent refusal to meet with senior Pentagon leaders after an incident U.S. officials have described as an “unnecessarily aggressive” encounter between military aircraft over the South China Sea last week.

Video released Tuesday by the U.S. military depicts a twin-engine J-16 Shenyang fighter jet crossing what appears to be several dozen feet in front of an Air Force RC-135 surveillance plane. The 30-second clip, recorded Friday from within the American aircraft’s cockpit, shows the crew being bounced around as they fly through the Shenyang’s wake.

Blinken, speaking during a visit to Sweden, said the “dangerous” incident “only underscores why it is so important that we have regular, open lines of communication, including by the way between our defense ministers,” making reference to a Wall Street Journal report that China had rebuffed a request from Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin to meet with his Chinese counterpart during a security summit in Singapore.



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U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, right, and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin last month in Washington.

“The most dangerous thing is not to communicate. ... While we have a real competition with China, we also want to make sure that doesn’t veer into ... conflict.”

Secretary of State Antony Blinken

China has criticized the United States for its depiction of the incident.

“The most dangerous thing is not to communicate and, as a result, to have a misunderstanding and miscommunication,” Blinken said. “While we have a real competition with China, we also want to make sure that doesn’t veer into ... conflict.”

The RC-135, which is used to gather radio communications and other electronic intelligence, was flying in international airspace, officials with U.S. Indo-Pacific Command said in a statement released in tandem with the video. The United States, they said, will continue to fly, sail and operate safely “wherever international law allows.”

“We expect all countries in the Indo-Pacific region to use international airspace safely and in accordance with international law,” the U.S. statement said.

China responded with accusations that the United States has endangered its national security sovereignty by conducting regular close-up reconnaissance using ships and planes. “Such provocative and dangerous actions are the root cause of security issues at sea,” Mao Ning, a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, said during a news briefing.

The intercept, at least the second such incident since late last year, occurred as relations between China and the United States remain fraught. Both countries are vying for additional partners in the region amid tensions over Taiwan, and China’s other regional ambitions have raised alarm in Washington and among U.S. allies in the Pacific.

Just days before this most recent midair encounter, the United States and Papua New Guinea signed a new defense cooperation agreement that will bring the two nations closer and allow their militaries to train together. A separate agreement was signed last year between China and the Solomon Islands, raising speculation that China may seek to build a military base there.

Tensions between the two powers spiked earlier this year after U.S. officials’ discovery of a Chinese surveillance airship over the United States. The balloon entered American airspace over Alaska and flew for days across the country, including near sensitive military sites, before being shot down by a U.S. fighter jet off the coast of South Carolina.

U.S. intelligence officials have assessed that the airship was part of a vast surveillance program run by the Chinese military. After the airship appeared over the United States, Blinken canceled a highly anticipated visit to Beijing, and Chinese officials rebuffed requests for Austin to speak with senior Chinese officials.

Chinese officials said the airship was a weather balloon blown off course, but the Biden administration has rejected that explanation.

In the months since, Blinken had indicated that he had hoped to reschedule his visit to Beijing, telling The Washington Post earlier in May that “there’s a clear demand signal from around the world that we manage this relationship responsibly.”

“If there are areas where we can actually cooperate, because it’s in the interest of our people, Chinese people and people around the world, so much the better,” he said then, “but at the very least we need to have a floor under this relationship. We need to have some guardrails on it.”

Ryan reported from Lulea, Sweden. Christian Shepherd in Taipei, Taiwan, contributed to this report.

Trump prosecutors look into Mar-a-Lago interactions

BY SPENCER S. HSU, JOSH DAWSEY AND DEVLIN BARRETT

A Mar-a-Lago employee who helped move boxes of documents last June has been questioned about his conduct weeks later related to a government demand for surveillance footage from Donald Trump’s property in Palm Beach, Fla., according to a person familiar with the federal probe of the former president’s handling of classified material.

The employee’s actions in June and July have caught the attention of special counsel Jack Smith’s investigators as they try to determine whether Trump or people close to him sought to obstruct justice in the face of a grand jury subpoena to return all documents marked classified, or lied about what happened, according to people familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive investigation.

The Washington Post reported last week that the employee was questioned repeatedly by investigators after he was seen on video footage helping another Trump aide, Walt Nauta, move boxes into a Mar-a-Lago storage room on June 2, the day before a top Justice Department official arrived with FBI agents to collect classified material in response to the subpoena.

Authorities have also examined events in mid-July surrounding a different subpoena, which sought footage from security cameras on the property. Around that time, the employee allegedly had a conversation with an IT worker at the site about how the security cameras worked and how long images remained stored in the system, the person familiar with that aspect of the investigation said.

The employee later told investigators that the conversation was innocent and was not about trying to hide anything from authorities, saying that he didn’t know at the time about the investigation or subpoena, according to another person familiar with the probe.



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Donald Trump participates in a tournament last month at Trump National Golf Club in Sterling, Va. Investigators are determining whether Trump sought to obstruct justice in a classified documents case.

But those answers were met with skepticism, people familiar with the situation said.

John Irving, a lawyer representing the employee under scrutiny for helping to move the boxes and the security camera discussion, declined to comment for this article.

A spokesman for Smith also declined to comment.

Advisers to Trump said the former president was annoyed with conversations last summer over how to handle subpoenas seeking video footage. Ultimately, the security camera footage was turned over to investigators.

The classified documents case is one of four criminal probes involving the former president, who is also seeking the 2024 Republican presidential nomination. Smith is separately investigating the conduct of Trump and his inner circle in connection to efforts to block results of the 2020 presidential election. The district attorney in Fulton County, Ga., is doing the same. And Trump has been indicted in New York on charges of falsifying business records connected to hush money payments during the 2016 election campaign.

People familiar with the classified documents probe say Smith’s team has concluded the bulk of its investigative work and believes it has uncovered a handful of distinct episodes of obstructionist conduct — though whether those instances will result in criminal charges is unclear.

Prosecutors have viewed with suspicion the timing of boxes being moved in and out of the Mar-a-Lago storage room.

On the night that the boxes were moved back into the storage area, Trump’s lawyers invited Justice Department officials to visit the former president’s residence and private club. The next day, June 3, senior Justice Department lawyer Jay Bratt and FBI agents went to Mar-a-Lago, where Trump’s lawyers handed over a sealed envelope containing 38 classified documents, according to court papers.

As part of that visit, the federal law enforcement officials were invited to visit the storage room, which is where Trump aides said boxes of documents from his time as president were kept. Court papers filed by the Justice Department said the visitors were told by Trump’s lawyers that they could not open any of the boxes in the storage room or look at their contents.

When FBI agents secured a court order to search Mar-a-Lago in August, they found more than 100 additional classified documents, some in Trump’s office and some in the storage area.

In a court filing in August explaining the search, prosecutors wrote that they had developed evidence that “obstructive conduct” took place in connection with the response to the subpoena, including that documents “were likely concealed and removed from the Storage Room.”

Prosecutors also have gathered evidence that even before Trump’s office received the subpoena in May, he had what some officials have dubbed a “dress rehearsal” for moving government documents that he did not want to relinquish, people familiar with the investigation told The Post last week.

Prosecutors separately have been told by more than one witness that Trump at times kept classified documents out in the open in his Florida office, where others could see them, people familiar with the matter said last week, and sometimes showed them to people, including aides and visitors.

Depending on the strength of that evidence, such accounts could severely undercut claims by Trump or his lawyers that he did not know he possessed classified material.

Appeals court approves plan for $6 billion Purdue Pharma opioids settlement

BY DAVID OVALLE

A federal appeals court Tuesday cleared the way for drug manufacturer Purdue Pharma to settle thousands of lawsuits regarding its role in fueling the opioid epidemic in the United States, reinstating a bankruptcy settlement that controversially shields from future claims the family members who own the company.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit greenlit a plan in which the Sackler family will pay up to $6 billion in settlement money to help ease the opioid crisis, while relinquishing control of the company. In the mid-1990s and early 2000s, the company manufactured and aggressively marketed OxyContin, the potent — and lucrative — opioid painkiller that helped spark the nation’s unprecedented addiction crisis.

Tuesday’s ruling comes as the nation continues to grapple with overdoses killing more than 100,000 Americans each year, most now from illicit fentanyl, not prescription painkillers. Drug manufacturers, distribution companies and pharmacy chains have faced waves of lawsuits, with proposed or final settlements tallying tens of billions of dollars — money that local and state governments are supposed to use to fight addiction and save lives.

Following the lawsuits, Purdue Pharma filed for bankruptcy in 2019, while members of the Sackler family did not. In September 2021, New York U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert D. Drain approved a deal — supported by creditors — that called for the Sackler family to contribute more than $4 billion to the settlement while affording family members sweeping legal protections, angering critics.

The Department of Justice and nine states objected. Critics argued that the Sackler family, which had received more than $10 billion in payouts from the company, was getting protection without having to declare bankruptcy themselves. The Sacklers have said nearly half that sum went toward taxes. Then in December 2021, U.S. District Judge Colleen McMahon threw out the proposed settlement, saying the law did not allow the Sackler family members — who were not direct parties in the bankruptcy — to be released from legal claims stemming from the opioid crisis.

But the three-judge panel ruled Tuesday that the Sacklers could be shielded, despite not having declared bankruptcy. The court ruled the Sacklers needed to be shielded from future lawsuits to “ensure the fair distribution” of the settlement money.

As part of further negotiations, the Sackler family agreed to pay up to $6 billion over 18 years to victims, survivors and governments, including states that had objected to the earlier deal. The Sackler family members had long insisted on shields from civil lawsuits in exchange for making payments toward the settlement.

Connecticut, which first sued Purdue Pharma in 2018 and objected to the original deal, said it still believes that the Sacklers were hiding behind the nation’s broken bankruptcy code “to escape justice and shield their blood money.”

“Our settlement was both significant and imperfect — there will never be enough justice to match the depths of pain and suffering the Sackler family caused,” Connecticut Attorney General William Tong said in a statement Tuesday. “But we recognized that we had pushed this as far as we could, and that it was necessary to get communities, victims and their families the resolution and billions of dollars [of] funding desperately needed to save lives and fight the opioid epidemic.”

Under the settlement, Connecticut will receive about $95 million, which will be used for opioid treatment and prevention, and to fund a survivors trust to help survivors of the epidemic.

The Justice Department on Tuesday declined to comment on the ruling, or say whether it plans to appeal. An appeal could be made to the Supreme Court.

Edward Neiger, an attorney who represents relatives of victims who could get payouts under the deal, called Tuesday’s decision a “milestone.” He urged the Justice Department not to appeal; the settlement includes $750 million for relatives of victims.

“We hope they react with reason and compassion and allow the victims to start getting compensated,” Neiger said.

One of his clients, Kathleen Scarpone, 61, of New Hampshire, lost her 25-year-old son, Joseph, to an opioid overdose seven years ago. She said Joseph, a former Marine sergeant, started taking OxyContin before his addiction turned to heroin. His fatal dose was laced with fentanyl.

“I don’t care about the money. We need those funds on the ground,” Scarpone said. “Without those funds going into the abatement program, things are going to continue to spiral.”

Scarpone was one of a slew of family members who confronted the Sackler family last year during a virtual court hearing.

In 2020, Purdue Pharma pleaded guilty to three felonies and agreed to pay $8.3 billion as part of a settlement with the Justice Department. If the bankruptcy settlement goes through, the company would be reborn as a company with no involvement from the Sacklers.

In a statement Tuesday, Purdue Pharma said its mission now is to “deliver billions of dollars of value for victim compensation, opioid crisis abatement, and overdose rescue medicines.”

Relatives of the late brothers Mortimer and Raymond Sackler said in a statement they were pleased with the decision. “The Sackler families believe the long-awaited implementation of this resolution is critical to providing substantial resources for people and communities in need,” the statement said.

Automatic emergency braking sought for all new cars

BY IAN DUNCAN

The Biden administration on Wednesday proposed a requirement that all new cars and SUVs come equipped with automatic emergency braking systems that could avoid crashes at high speeds and protect pedestrians, even in the dark.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which is proposing the rule, estimates the technology could save more than 300 lives a year and help to avoid 24,000 injuries.

"We know this work is going to save lives, to make sure that there won't be that empty chair at the dinner table," Deputy Transportation Secretary Polly Trottenberg said at an event in Washington while announcing the plan.

The proposal represents one of the most significant efforts to update car safety rules in years and would be a clear example of how technology could help human drivers. It comes as crash deaths have soared during the pandemic, with almost 43,000 people killed on U.S. roads last year, following a decade in which drivers have killed pedestrians at increasingly higher rates.

Still, any benefits are probably years away. The rule is subject to public comment and review by the government. NHTSA is then proposing to give automakers three years to begin installing the technology and four years to fully meet the standards.

Safety advocacy groups said they supported the measure but wished the action could have come years earlier.

"We're always pushing for more aggressive timelines because with every passing day that it doesn't happen, that means more lives are imperiled unnecessarily," said Cathy Chase, president of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. "We've been pushing for this rule for years, literally."

Automatic emergency braking, often referred to as AEB, relies on cameras, radar or other sensors to detect obstacles such as slow-moving vehicles or pedestrians in front of a car. It can then take action independently to try to stop the car before a crash.



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Honda Accords equipped with automatic emergency braking systems at a dealership in Highlands Ranch, Colo. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is proposing that all new vehicles come with such systems, which safety groups have backed for years.

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During the Obama administration, the government brokered a voluntary and less-stringent deal with automakers to equip almost all new cars and SUVs with the technology. The deadline in that agreement arrived for cars produced after Sept. 1, 2022, and nearly all major automakers hit the goal early.

General Motors lagged, equipping 73 percent of its vehicles last year with automatic braking. But the company announced Tuesday that its fleet would meet the terms of the deal this year.

John Capp, GM's director of vehicle safety technology, strategy and regulations, said in a statement that automatic braking and other advanced systems on the company's vehicles are "significant building blocks with proven benefits for reducing common crashes."

The standard required under the earlier agreement was that automatic brakes be able to slow a vehicle by at least 10 mph before the moment of an impact in tests at either 12 or 25 mph, or by 5 mph in both tests. The Alliance for Automotive Innovation, a group of car manufacturers, said the industry has made strides in deploying technology that had already shown its worth.

But NHTSA said in the proposed rule Wednesday that speeds at which current systems are required to operate are below the speeds at which the most serious crashes occur.

The proposal the Biden administration unveiled calls for considerably tougher standards. The braking systems would be required to avoid collisions at up to 62 mph if the driver starts to brake and 50 mph if the driver is not manually braking. It would also require braking systems that can stop for pedestrians, a feature some automakers already offer.

NHTSA said vehicles could generally meet the standards through software updates, estimating the cost per vehicle at $82.

"We know we're throwing a challenge out here, but we know that a lot of this technology is already pretty well developed and this is a time to take things to the next level to make this technology more universally deployed and more stringent," Trottenberg said.

The National Transportation Safety Board has said federal standards on automatic braking are a top priority. NTSB chairwoman Jennifer Homendy said while the proposal's timeline is long and there appeared to be gaps when accounting for cyclists and motorbikes, the rule still would go a long way toward addressing her agency's recommendations.

"It is a huge forward movement toward safety," Homendy said.

The infrastructure law required NHTSA to set standards for the braking systems as part of a broader effort to increase road safety. It included other technology requirements, including for systems that can prevent people from driving drunk, and provided billions for investments in safer street designs.

Mike McGinn, a former Seattle mayor and executive director of America Walks, a pedestrian advocacy group, said Wednesday the nation needed to take an "all-of-the-above" approach to pedestrian safety that includes new technology and overhauls of street designs.

"Designing streets so people naturally drive slower is preferable" to trying to stop a vehicle traveling at 50 mph in the face of a pedestrian, McGinn said.

Trottenberg was joined at the announcement by Ann Carlson, NHTSA's chief counsel. Carlson had been nominated to lead the agency, but the White House said Tuesday it was withdrawing her as the administration's pick. Carlson had been facing scrutiny from Senate Republicans over her record as an environmental lawyer. She told reporters she made the decision to withdraw so she could focus on her current role at the agency.

NASA panel studying UFO mysteries says its experts require better data

BY SHANE HARRIS

A panel commissioned by NASA to study what the government calls unidentified anomalous phenomena, more widely known as UFOs, said Wednesday that it needed more and better-quality information to understand and describe hundreds of mysterious objects that have been reported in the skies over the years.

But panel members were also emphatic that they had seen no evidence to attribute the unidentified objects to extraterrestrial intelligence.

"There is absolutely no convincing evidence of extraterrestrial life associated with UAPs," Daniel Evans, NASA's assistant deputy associate administrator for research, told reporters following a public event in Washington, where the space agency's 16-member expert panel presented some preliminary findings and fielded questions from the public.

NASA has said before there's no evidence that UAPs, including some that Navy pilots have reported zipping through the skies at apparently astonishing speeds, are not of this earth. But the statement was significant coming from the first group of independent experts that the esteemed space agency has ever convened to study the phenomena.

The inquiry comes amid a new openness across the government to examine the objects as potential threats to commercial aviation or U.S. national security.

"NASA believes that the tools of science apply to the study of UAPs, because that allows us to separate fact from fiction," Evans said.

A Pentagon office heads a separate government-wide effort to analyze UAP sightings. It has examined more than 800 sightings based on information collected over nearly three decades.

Of those, only between 2 and 5 percent could be described as "anomalous," or truly inexplicable, said Sean Kirkpatrick, who heads the Defense Department All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office.

The NASA-convened panel, whose members are drawn from a wide range of professional disciplines, has conducted its inquiry separate from the Pentagon effort. Members had no access to classified information, such as sensor data captured by the military or intelligence agencies.



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Naval Intelligence Deputy Director Scott Bray points to a video of UFOs while testifying before a House subcommittee last spring.

The panel's task was to set up a "road map" for NASA, which plans to contribute in coming years to the study of UAPs using an unclassified, science-based approach, said David Spergel, an astrophysicist who chairs the panel. The group will release a final report in late July.

So far, Spergel said, the experts lack sufficient data to help describe UAP reports, many of which have flooded into the Defense Department after the military adopted a policy of encouraging personnel to speak up when they see strange objects.

"The current data collection efforts about UAPs are unsystematic and fragmented across various agencies, often using instruments uncalibrated for scientific data collection," Spergel said during the panel's opening remarks.

To better understand and describe UAPs, NASA needs "better, targeted data collection, thorough data curation and robust analysis," Spergel said. "Even then there's no guarantee that all sightings will be explained."

Experts were able to dispel some mystery around previously unexplained sightings. Kirkpatrick showed a video taken by U.S. naval aircraft of three dots moving across the sky. A plane tried and failed to intercept the objects, spotted over the western United States. They turned out to be commercial aircraft that were much farther away than initially understood.

Optical illusions help explain another well-known video of an object that appears to fly over the ocean at unusually high speed. Using information captured by the Navy plane that observed the UAP from above, investigators calculated it was actually moving only at about 40 mph, or roughly the speed of the wind at the altitude where it was observed.

While the panel was short on revelations, its public hearing marked an important step toward trying to reduce the snickers and stigma that have long accompanied reports about strange lights in the sky, particularly those made by pilots, panelists said.

"One of our goals is to remove the stigma, because there is a need for high-quality data to address important questions about UAPs," Spergel said.

Others noted that during their time working on the panel, they've been subjected to online taunts.

"Harassment only leads to further stigmatization of the UAP field, significantly hindering the scientific process and discouraging others to study this important subject matter," said Nicola Fox, the associate administrator for NASA's Science Mission Directorate.

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What to know about recent clashes in northern Kosovo

Tensions roil next-door Serbia, raising fears of regional violence

BY NIHA MASIH

More than two dozen NATO soldiers were injured in clashes with ethnic Serb protesters in Kosovo this week, leading NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg to announce the deployment of 700 additional troops to keep the peace in a region with a fraught history of ethnic conflict.

The NATO troops were protecting town halls where ethnic Albanian mayors had taken office in Serb-majority areas of northern Kosovo. Serbia, which neighbors Kosovo on the north and east, has put its armed forces on high alert.

Even as the United States and European nations issued calls for de-escalation, Aleksandar Vucic, the Serbian president, and Albin Kurti, the prime minister of Kosovo, accused each other of fomenting the violence, raising fears of further unrest between the two adversaries in southeastern Europe.

Washington has penalized Kosovo over the unrest and canceled its participation in a U.S.-led military drill in Europe, Jeffrey Hovenier, the U.S. ambassador in Pristina, Kosovo's capital, said at a briefing Tuesday.

Here's what to know.



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Hungarian members of NATO's Kosovo Force, or KFOR, guard the municipal building in Zvecan on Monday. Over two dozen NATO soldiers were hurt this week in clashes with ethnic Serbs protesting the installation of ethnic Albanian mayors in four municipalities.

What is behind the latest flare-up?

The violence erupted when newly elected ethnic Albanian mayors in Serb-majority areas of northern Kosovo took office, angering the Serbs who had boycotted elections held in April. Serb protesters outside municipal offices clashed with local police and NATO peacekeeping troops in the towns of Zvecan, Zubin Potok and Leposavic. Videos of the clashes showed tear gas being fired, explosives and bottles being thrown at NATO troops, and injured soldiers being dragged away.

The United States had earlier condemned the move by Kosovo to access the buildings "by force" to install the mayors, which the State Department said in a statement had "unnecessarily escalated tensions."

Tensions have simmered since last year over Kosovo's attempts to force Serbs in the north to use license plates issued by its authorities.

What is the conflict between Serbia and Kosovo about?

Serbia and Kosovo were once part of undivided Yugoslavia, and its disintegration along ethnic lines was marred by bloodshed.

Kosovo, a largely Muslim Albanian enclave that was part of Serbia, an Orthodox Christian-majority nation, declared independence in 2008, but Serbia has refused to recognize its statehood.

The precursor to the independence movement was a brutal war in the region in 1998 and 1999 that killed thousands and displaced millions. After failed attempts at mediation by international powers, NATO was drawn into the war and launched a bombing operation against Yugoslavia. The conflict ended in June 1999 after Belgrade agreed to withdraw from Kosovo and signed an agreement with NATO.

"Tensions persist because Serbia does not want to recognize Kosovo's independence. Thus, every attempt to reinforce Kosovo statehood in Serb-majority areas are controversial," Florian Bieber, a political scientist and historian specializing in southeastern Europe at Austria's University of Graz, wrote in an email.

He added that Serbia continues to wield enormous influence in northern regions of Kosovo populated by Serbs. "This allows it to contribute to stirring up trouble despite not having any formal say in northern Kosovo," he said.

Kosovo declared independence in 2008, but Serbia, Russia and a significant number of other countries — including several European Union members — did not recognize its independence.



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Is Kosovo a country?

With a population of 1.9 million people, Kosovo is recognized as a country by more than 100 nations, including the United States, according to Kosovo's Foreign Ministry. In 2010, the International Court of Justice supported Kosovo's independence after Serbia petitioned it for an advisory opinion.

But some European countries, including Spain and Greece, do not recognize it. Late last year, Kosovo applied to become a member of the European Union, and it has campaigned for support to join NATO, too.

What is KFOR?

Kosovo Force, or KFOR, is NATO's peacekeeping force stationed in the country since 1999. Approved by a U.N. Security Council resolution, it was initially made up of 50,000 troops drawn from NATO members and allies to ensure security and deter the resumption of ethnic conflict that had killed thousands in the region.

As the security situation improved, the number of troops has been reduced significantly in recent years to about 3,500.

What is the Djokovic controversy?

Serbian tennis superstar Novak Djokovic waded into the political controversy at the French Open this week. After his first-round win, the Associated Press reported, he wrote a charged message on a camera lens: "Kosovo is the heart of Serbia. Stop the violence."

In a post-match conference, speaking in Serbian, Djokovic doubled down. As the son of a man born in Kosovo and as a public figure, he said, the message he wrote was the least he could do.

The comments were immediately criticized by tennis authorities in Kosovo for stoking tensions, while the tournament organizers in France said that occasionally political discussions can make an appearance at sporting events.

What happens next?

Experts say the latest incident, while being one of the most serious in recent years, is unlikely to devolve into a protracted armed conflict.

"If Serbian forces tried to cross the border, they would risk an open conflict with NATO, something which Serbia cannot afford and has nothing to gain from," Bieber wrote. Instead, the Vucic government, which is facing domestic pressures, prefers "sporadic instability" to gain leverage internationally and locally, he added.

Another expert warned that the latest flare-up shows that talks brokered by the European Union are not working. Earlier this year, Serbia and Kosovo had agreed to normalize relations after mediation from the E.U., a move touted by the bloc as a step toward regional stability and security.

But the agreement, said Marko Prelec, an expert on the region at the International Crisis Group, is like a lot of international law — "binding in theory but ignored in practice because it's vague, has no enforcement mechanism, and because the E.U. arm-twisted Belgrade and Pristina to agree to something they didn't fundamentally want or even understand."

The fresh unrest, he said, shows that the situation in northern Kosovo is getting out of anyone's ability to control.

Emily Rauhala contributed to this report.

Parkland trial seen as first on alleged officer inaction

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where the shooting was coming from. Jury selection began Wednesday.

"I've never heard of a case like this," said Mac Hardy, a spokesman for the National Association of School Resource Officers, a nonprofit based in Hoover, Ala.

Peterson's case has taken on new relevance in the year since 21 people, including 19 children, were killed at an elementary school in Uvalde, Tex. Parents and legal experts say that in both cases there are similar questions surrounding whether and how to hold officers accountable for inaction after a shooting. Parents of victims in Texas have urged prosecutors to hold accountable officers who waited 77 minutes to confront the gunman. None have been charged to date.

The Peterson case hinges on prosecutors proving he was working that day in the capacity of a caregiver, which could be difficult, as the term usually does not refer to a law enforcement officer — underscoring the challenges in criminally prosecuting officers for missteps in a crisis.

Peterson, through his attorney, Mark Eiglarsh, declined to meet for an in-person interview but agreed to answer a list of questions sent to him via email. Prosecutors with the Broward State Attorney's Office declined to comment. Eiglarsh said he believes Peterson will be acquitted.

"It's the only verdict that speaks the truth," the attorney said. "He's not a caregiver."

But for the Parkland parents whose sons and daughters should now be in college instead of cemeteries, their truth is that Peterson should have done more.

"He had a duty to act," said Lori Alhadeff, a member of the Broward County School Board whose 14-year-old daughter, Alyssa, was among the victims. "He was supposed to be 'the good guy with the gun.' It was his job to go into that building.

"And he froze," she said.

Shots fired

On a rainy April day in Fort Lauderdale, Eiglarsh is sitting at a desk covered in overstuffed folders and binders that look like they're ready to explode. They're all dedicated to a man who he initially believed was a coward, in a case he wanted nothing to do with.

"I knew of him the same way most people knew of him," the attorney said. "He looked like a coward. He looked bad."

Eiglarsh added, "And that's just not the case."

A father of four who was twice divorced, Peterson ingratiated himself to the Parkland community after he became the school resource officer for Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in 2009. He was honored by the sheriff's office in 2014 as its school resource officer of the year for proving he was "reliable in handling issues with tact and judgment."

"He was actually built to be a school resource officer," said Kevin Bolling, a former Broward County sheriff's deputy who had no role in the Parkland response. Both of his children at one point or another worked or attended the school. "I had no fear because I knew Scot was there."

It was the last class period of the day and, Peterson said, he was investigating a counterfeit driver's license case in his office and thinking about a quiet Valentine's Day with his wife. Then an Uber driver pulled up near the school's entrance. Inside the vehicle was Nikolas Cruz, 19, carrying a large bag holding an AR-15-style rifle and several loaded magazines, according to a 458-page report by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission.

The first shots erupted at 2:21 p.m. in the 1200 building. In a statement to investigators, Peterson said he heard what he thought might be firecrackers. Two minutes later, he and two other officers arrived on a golf cart near the building where Cruz was still firing. At that time, 21 people had already been shot, including nine who were fatally wounded, the report notes.

While Cruz was still shooting, Peterson and another officer walked away from the 1200 building and established a position 75 feet away at the 700 building. Peterson "remains at this position for the duration of the incident and only transmits information via his radio," according to an investigation from the sheriff's office.

One of the deputies radioed at 2:25 p.m. that he heard gunshots over by the football field, causing some confusion about the shooter's location on the sprawling 45-acre campus. Other officers later testified that they heard multiple shots but were not sure where they were coming from.

"The pronounced echo that I and countless others experienced under the most stressful moment of my life made it impossible to determine the precise location of the shooter," Peterson told The Post.

Surveillance video and records show that Peterson ordered his colleagues to stay at least 500 feet away from the 1200 building instead of storming it. When other officers from Coral Springs arrived at 2:29 p.m., Peterson told one of them that the shooter's location remained unclear.

Eleven minutes after the massacre began, the first officers entered the school. Peterson was not among them. It was 2:32 p.m., and Cruz had exited the 1200 building five minutes earlier.

The Broward County Sheriff's Office response sparked outcry and eventually the resignations of several officers as well as the sheriff's ouster. Much of the criticism was directed toward Peterson. David Hogg, a survivor of the shooting and an activist, said in the days after the massacre that while Peterson was "a good person," there were "no words to explain why he wouldn't take action to take out this individual." Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Rick Swearingen later summed up what Peterson had done, or didn't do, in announcing his arrest in 2019.

"He stood there for some 45 to 48 minutes and did nothing," Swearingen said.

'He left my kid to die'

The Alhadeffs' home in Parkland is filled with reminders of Alyssa. Framed pictures and the text of laws passed in her name cover the walls. A painting of the forever teenager smiling in her soccer outfit hangs near the living room, impossible for anyone to miss as they walk into the house.

Since winning a seat on the school board, Lori Alhadeff has pushed for the school to tear down the 1200 building. Prosecutors have insisted that officials hold off on demolishing it until the Cruz and Peterson trials are complete.

"I am really looking forward for this Scot Peterson trial to be over so we can take the 1200 building down," Alhadeff said on a recent morning. "It's very painful for the students that go to school there, for the community that has to drive past there."

She and other parents will be in the courtroom for Peterson's trial, hoping it might provide some form of closure. The life sentence in the Cruz verdict left many victim families feeling betrayed by the justice system. They had to publicly share their private pain and relive in anguishing detail the violence of that day. Many were convinced the evidence pointed toward capital punishment. Cruz's defense attorneys said aggravating factors including mental illness disqualified him.

Jurors needed to reach a unanimous verdict to sentence Cruz to death, but three on the 12-member panel voted against it. The verdict sparked a debate in Florida over the state's death penalty law, and earlier this year lawmakers voted to allow a jury to sentence someone to death if eight of 12 jurors approve, scratching the unanimity requirement.

For Peterson's critics, his case — though not a death penalty trial — offers one more opportunity to find a sense of justice and accountability. They also believe that it could set a precedent for other law enforcement officers.

Each conviction for child neglect, a second-degree felony when there is bodily harm, could result in up to 15 years in prison — meaning Peterson could face a sentence of nearly 100 years.

"The outcome of the Scot Peterson trial will have a ripple effect across this country and set a precedent moving forward," Alhadeff said. "Because if it's acceptable for a school resource officer to not go and engage the threats during a shooting, then you are giving a pass to every SRO to decide, 'Maybe I go in, or maybe I won't.'"

Max Schachter, whose 14-year-old son, Alex, was among those murdered, wants the Peterson verdict to send a message to all of law enforcement: "If you choose to do nothing, you will be held accountable."

"Even though the coward did not pull the trigger," he said, "he left my kid to die."

'Living a nightmare'

For Peterson's attorney, the case is more complicated than meets the eye.

Eiglarsh said he became convinced of that during a visit the defense team made to the school to prepare for the trial. Standing in the same spot he did years before, Peterson recounted scanning for the gunfire, not knowing if it was coming from the parking lot, the roof or inside the building.

"I was covering this area, looking to see if I can find where the shooter or shooters were," he told Eiglarsh and Bolling, the former deputy sheriff who knew Peterson through his children's involvement at the school and is now assisting the defense.

Seeing Peterson act out his perspective from that day made Eiglarsh "a believer."

"He did the best he could with the information that he had and is facing a life sentence," Eiglarsh said. "How does anybody not get outraged by that?"

In his responses to questions from The Post, Peterson urged the families of the victims to "keep an open mind" and "listen to all the evidence" before making any judgments.

"I'm 100 percent certain that during the trial they will learn things that were never shared with them, which hopefully will alter their opinion about my actions that day," he said.

For the past four years, Peterson said, little has crossed his mind apart from the shooting. He fills his days spending time with his wife, Lydia, and dog, a Havanese named Tucker, or distracting himself by finding his next home-improvement project around the cabin or a game of pickleball with those who probably don't know who he is.

"I've been living a nightmare that I wouldn't wish on anyone," he said.

For the families of victims, it's hard to imagine how any explanation could change their perspective. But they hope to be able to share theirs, too. Alhadeff doesn't know if she'll get a chance to confront or speak with Peterson. But she knows what she would say.

"I hope that when you look in the mirror, you see a coward," she said. "That the lives of the 17 people, including my daughter, Alyssa, never leaves your memory, and that the pain and suffering that I feel you feel for the rest of your life."

THE WORLD

German trade hub known as 'China City' does a rethink

Duisburg's pullback on business relations mirrors a wider European reevaluation of ties to Beijing



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DUISBURG, GERMANY — Trains laden with containers of clothes and solar panels straight from China still trundle into the station here about five times a day, but other plans to forge links between this German rust-belt city and Beijing have ground to a halt.

Duisburg's aspirations of using Chinese tech giant Huawei to modernize its administration, schools and traffic systems are on ice. Construction of a Chinese business hub on the Rhine River has been abandoned, and embarrassment hangs in the air.

Local officials who not long ago touted Duisburg as Germany's "China City" say that's not a tagline they want to use anymore. "Public opinion has changed, political opinion has changed," said Markus Teuber, the China commissioner for Duisburg, the sole German city to have such a post.

The shift in this western German city of 500,000 mirrors a broader rethink in Europe on relations with Beijing. Trade continues to flow — China remains the 27-nation European Union's top trading partner. Yet the E.U. has inched closer to Washington's skeptical view of Beijing, a trend the United States expects to continue despite a Chinese "charm offensive," according to U.S. military documents leaked on the group-chat platform Discord.

Hopes that China would help boost Europe's economies have been clouded by concerns about competition, influence and exposure. Beijing's authoritarian turn under President Xi Jinping, its belligerence toward self-ruled Taiwan and its failure to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine have all raised alarms. European policymakers are wary after seeing how dependence on Russian energy limited their leverage when President Vladimir Putin's tanks rolled toward Kyiv.

"We are no longer this naive continent that thinks, 'Wow, the wonderful China market, look at these opportunities!'" said Philippe Le Corre, a French analyst with the Asia Society Policy Institute. "I think everyone has got it."

Many European leaders agree on the need for "smart de-risking," as Chancellor German Chancellor Olaf Scholz put it in a speech in Strasbourg, France, in May. But Europe remains divided on what that should involve. The splits are apparent in the rhetoric of different European leaders — and in the ongoing negotiation of a new strategic policy in Germany, which as the E.U.'s largest economy accounts for half of the bloc's 223 billion euros (about $240 billion) in annual exports to China.

Germany's economy minister first mentioned in September that a new policy was in the works. A draft written by the German Foreign Ministry in early November and seen by The Washington Post provides insight into some of the guardrails under debate, but officials say internal wrangling is still underway.

Coalition partners are broadly in line, but "nitty-gritty details" need to be worked out, according to one German official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal government policy. He pushed back on the idea of a delay, yet acknowledged that it would be "optimistic" to expect the strategy before the end of the year.

Limits of Chinese influence in Europe

As European policymakers have been hashing out their positions, China has embarked on a new effort to shape perceptions, advance defense objectives and counter U.S. influence, according to two U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff briefing documents leaked on Discord.

"Beijing is supplementing its 'wolf warrior' diplomacy" — assertive, bombastic — "with a more measured approach," one undated briefing document said, citing public statements by Chinese officials in early March.

The effort "privately aims to divide the U.S. from Europe by taking advantage of the E.U.'s economic challenges stemming from the pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict," according to a second document, which included an assessment by the Joint Chiefs' intelligence arm, known as J2. The Defense Department declined to comment.

China's push has been largely failing, the undated assessment determined, based on March conversations with European diplomats.

"Beijing likely does not fully recognize the extent to which European partners are wary of the PRC's intentions, and believes its changing rhetoric is sufficient to frustrate transatlantic ties," it concluded, using the abbreviation for the People's Republic of China. "European officials likely will aim to secure their economic interests while increasingly aligning with U.S. views on the PRC."

Indeed, the Italian government indicated in May that it intends to pull out of China's Belt and Road global infrastructure initiative, while European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen is pushing for export controls on sensitive technologies.

But wariness levels are uneven across Europe. Hungary's populist government has been deepening connections, with Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto inking a new deal with Huawei during a May 15 visit to Beijing.

And the leaked U.S. briefing documents appear to have been written before French President Emmanuel Macron traveled in April on a state visit to Beijing, touted China's potential as a peacemaker and warned Europe that it risked becoming a "vassal" to the United States and getting "caught up in crises that are not ours."

Waiting for Germany to detail its position

No country is as pivotal as Germany for Europe's relationship with China. In addition to being responsible for such a significant portion of E.U. exports to Beijing, Germany accounts for the majority of E.U. investments in China, with some 5,200 German companies engaged in manufacturing there, employing 1.1 million people.

Late last year, Scholz rankled allies when he became the first Group of Seven leader to visit China after the pandemic, taking along a business delegation.

On a map accompanying the leaked U.S. documents, almost all of Europe was marked as having "minimal receptivity" to China's overtures, except Germany and Serbia, which were assessed to have "moderate receptivity."

German government spokesman Steffen Hebestreit declined to comment on the document. "Generally, Germany regards China as a [Competitor], Rival and a Partner and sees itself closely aligned with its European and transatlantic partners," he wrote in an email.

The uncertain position of Europe's largest economy is what makes it "so relevant and interesting to China," said Tim Rühlig, a senior research fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations. "Germany is quite important on this balance on where the E.U. ends up."

Scholz has repeatedly stressed that Berlin is seeking to "de-risk" rather than "decouple" from Beijing.

German officials want to strengthen regulation of foreign investments in critical infrastructure. The Interior Ministry is investigating the risk of existing Chinese components in Germany's 5G network and the implications of Germany's rail network, the Deutsche Bahn, having signed a contract with Huawei for the backbone of its signaling-and-control network.

The Economics Ministry, meanwhile, has suggested "stress tests" that would anticipate vulnerabilities if sanctions against China were imposed, according to an internal ministry document viewed by The Post.

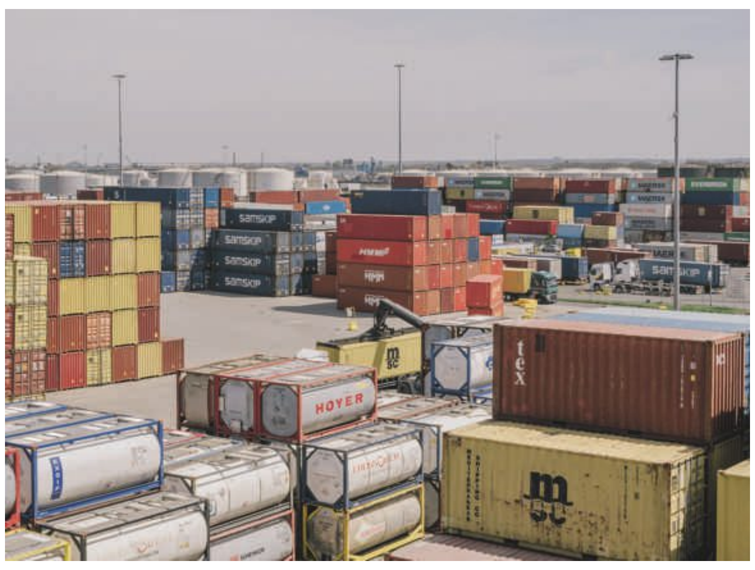
When it comes to overall strategy, Germany's new China policy "will explain what de-risking means in actual terms concerning trade and technology science, culture and also on different levels of government within Germany," said Nils Schmid, parliamentary foreign policy spokesman for Scholz's Social Democrats.

The draft viewed by The Post indicates that German officials are considering controls on outbound investments, "with a view to avoiding unwanted technology transfer, especially in the case of sensitive dual-use technologies and technologies that can be used for surveillance and repression."

The draft, first reported in November by Der Spiegel, takes a harder line than Germany sometimes has in the past, calling out the Chinese leadership for being willing to use its market as leverage, admonishing Beijing for human rights violations, and referencing the need for companies doing work in China to be "respecting environmental standards and labor rights and ensuring no forced labor in the supply chain."

Just how much of the early draft will end up as policy remains unclear, with the Foreign Ministry, headed by Germany's Green Party, more strident on China than Scholz's chancellery. "It's a very preliminary draft," the German official said.

A broader national security strategy, which will include a chapter on China, will be released in the coming weeks, with a more detailed China strategy to follow, the official said.



TOP: A Chinese container arrives in Duisburg, home to the world's largest inland port. About 80 percent of trains from China to Europe stop in the city. ABOVE: The busy port, at the confluence of the Rhine and Ruhr rivers, where seagoing vessels dock. BELOW: Once, Duisburg sought out Chinese ties, "but public opinion has changed," said Markus Teuber, the city's China commissioner.



'We made a mistake'

For Duisburg — a city with high unemployment, and a skyline dotted with the hulking vestiges of its former place at the heart of German industry — the draw of Beijing had been strong. Local officials pitched the potential of their inland port, the largest in the world, and pinned their hopes of an economic turnaround on China.

Xi visited in 2014 to meet a newly arrived train from Chongqing. Soon, about 80 percent of trains from China to Europe were stopping in Duisburg, after a 10-day overland journey through Russia. Local officials liked to point out that Chinese maps labeled Duisburg more prominently than Berlin or Paris.

Even as other countries were blocking Huawei from critical infrastructure, Duisburg was going all in. It signed a 2018 memorandum for the tech giant to build infrastructure for government service portals and a "smart city nervous system."

But that era is now over.

Last year, officials said the Huawei partnership had not been renewed, and the copy of the memorandum was deleted from the city's website. Visits to Duisburg by Chinese business delegations, which used to happen every week, have slowed to a trickle.

An effort by "alleged Chinese diplomats" to reach out to local security officials this year was flagged as a concern, according to one official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the topic. "Since there were fears of spying attempts, no meeting took place in the end," the official said.

And Chinese shipping giant Cosco — which has been the subject of controversy with its recent purchase of a stake in the German port of Hamburg — quietly sold its 30 percent share in the Duisburg Gateway Terminal in October.

Markus Bangen, chief executive of the Duisburg port, said contractual terms prevented him from commenting on the specifics, but he implied that Cosco was asked to leave. "There are rules in our contracts, and you have to follow these rules," he said. "If you don't do so, it's like in soccer, there's a yellow card. Sometimes the second yellow card, but then follows the red card: You're kicked out."

Duisburg officials are now keen to downplay links to Beijing. Sanctions against Moscow are already making some shippers nervous, local executives said.

Johannes Pflug, head of the China Business Network Duisburg and formerly the city's China commissioner, said the trains from China — which had been trumpeted in numerous news releases — are only a small fraction of the port's business.

"The city of Duisburg had not that much good news in the past years, that they made the mistake to stress too much a positive thing," he said. "For the port of Duisburg, I can confirm, yeah, we made a mistake."

Now the city is more clear-eyed, he said.

Rauhala reported from Brussels.

DIGEST

SUDAN

Dozens of children dead at orphanage

At least 60 infants, toddlers and older children perished over the past six weeks while trapped in harrowing conditions in an orphanage in Sudan's capital as fighting raged outside.

Most died from lack of food and of fever. Twenty-six died in two days over the weekend.

The extent of the children's suffering emerged from interviews with more than a dozen doctors, volunteers, health officials and workers at the Al-Mayqoma orphanage. The Associated Press also reviewed dozens of documents, images, and videos showing the deteriorating conditions at the facility.

Among the dead were babies as young as three months, according to death certificates as well as four orphanage officials and workers for charities now helping the facility.

The weekend was particularly deadly, with 14 children perishing Friday and 12 on Saturday.

This raised alarm and outrage across social media, and a local charity was able to deliver food, medicine and baby formula to the orphanage on Sunday, with the help of the U.N. children's agency, UNICEF, and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Orphanage workers warned that more children could die, and called for their speedy evacuation out of war-torn Khartoum.

Meanwhile, Sudan's military suspended its participation in talks with a paramilitary force it's been battling for weeks for control of the northeastern African country, a military spokesman said Wednesday.

— Associated Press

IRAN

Report: Iran resolves 2 uranium inquiries

Iran has resolved two outstanding inquiries from the International Atomic Energy Agency over highly enriched uranium particles and a site where man-made uranium was found, according to a report seen Wednesday by the Associated Press.

The IAEA report eases pressure slightly on Tehran, which has been escalating its program for years since the United States unilaterally withdrew from its nuclear deal with world powers in 2018. However, it continues to amass more uranium nearer than ever to weapons-grade level, worrying nonproliferation experts.

The confidential quarterly report by the Vienna-based IAEA said inspectors no longer had questions on uranium particles found to be enriched to 83.7 percent at its underground Fordo facility. That had sparked tensions over the last several months as uranium enriched to 90 percent is weapons-grade material.

Iran had argued those particles were a byproduct of its current enrichment, as particles can reach higher enrichment levels in fluctuations.

— Associated Press

Latvian Parliament elects foreign minister as new president: Latvian lawmakers on Wednesday picked the country's long-serving and popular foreign minister, a strong backer of Ukraine, as its new head of state in a tight vote. The 100-seat Saeima legislature elected Edgars Rinkevics, the country's top diplomat since 2011, as president to serve for a four-year term.

Eastern Canada struggles to control wildfires: Wildfires that have already forced thousands in Canada's Nova Scotia province to evacuate were threatening communities on the outskirts of Halifax on Wednesday and causing poor air quality hundreds of miles away as smoke drifted across the U.S. border. Dozens of firefighters and several water bombers battled two out-of-control blazes — dubbed the Tantallon Fire and the Bedford Fire — northwest of downtown Halifax, the provincial capital.

— From news services

Putin aims to project calm after drone attack in Moscow

Analysts say Kremlin wants to distract from Russia's weaknesses

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Several hours after dozens of enemy drones infiltrated the Russian capital, damaging two residential buildings, Russian President Vladimir Putin appeared unfazed before reporters, acting as if nothing unusual had happened.

Fielding a question that was clearly scripted, at an event to promote "creative" industries such as fashion, filmmaking, video game development and jewelry design, Putin played down the attack, saying that Moscow's air defense system had worked "properly."

"Although there is still work to be done," he added, noting that Russian forces had faced "the same problems" at Hmeimim air base in Syria.

Putin's nonchalant attitude, and a similarly muted statement by the Kremlin on Wednesday, showed the Russian leadership doing its utmost to project a sense of calm and control despite the brazen drone attack, which prompted a journalist from Russia's RIA Novosti news agency to ask whether there were plans to introduce martial law as demanded by Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said there were no discussions about martial law. Instead of addressing the sense of alarm, after the first strike on civilian areas in Moscow since the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine last year, Peskov complained that the West had not criticized the attack.

"We would have preferred to hear words of condemnation from London and Washington after the drone attack on Moscow, but saw once again the absence of any condemnation," he said.

Putin, while not displaying concern, had even harsher words for the West on Tuesday. He used the question about the drone strike to unleash a rambling, seven-minute tirade, in which he falsely insisted Russia was not responsible for the war.

Referring to "that territory known as Ukraine," Putin said: "It is clear that no matter what we say, they will always look for the guilty precisely in Russia, but this is not so. We did not unleash this war, I repeat, in 2014 — the Kyiv regime unleashed a war in the Donbas." In fact, it was Russia who sent troops to foment a separatist war.

Putin also alleged without evidence that Ukraine was planning to disrupt operations at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, which is located in territory now occupied by Russian troops, and he asserted that Ukraine was planning to use "dirty" explosive devices with radioactive material. "We have already talked about this many times: We know what they have in mind," he said.

Analysts said Putin was trying to prevent panic among his population and to distract from weaknesses in Russia's defenses.

"Translated from Putin into Russian, his speech means that the Kremlin will continue to pretend that everything is in order and that nothing dramatic is happening," independent Russian journalist Farida Rustamova, who closely covers Putin and the Kremlin, wrote on her Telegram page. "They want Russians not to worry too much."

Ukraine has denied any involvement in the drone attack — and senior officials repeated those denials Wednesday — as well as a host of similar drone strikes in recent months. Early Wednesday morning, drones reportedly detonated at an oil refinery in the Russia's Krasnodar region — the latest incident after four previous attempts this month.

Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, repeated the denials Wednesday in an interview with The Washington Post, asserting that it was pointless for his country to attack Russian territory.



NATALIA KOLESNIKOVA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Women in front of a merry-go-round at Manezhnaya Square in Moscow on Tuesday, the day dozens of drones infiltrated the Russian capital, damaging residential buildings and prompting some unease.

"The processes are already going on there without our participation, and they will continue," Podolyak said. "Russia is very weak on the inside." He added, "The power vertical is gradually falling apart, and there are people who are ready to take machine guns, go shoot, blow up, plant mines and so on."

But there is little doubt that Ukraine is supporting these attacks, and Ukrainian officials have repeatedly cheered them.

Serhiy Prytula, a Ukrainian former television star whose charity has been buying up drones for use by the Ukrainians, posted a video Tuesday in which he posed in front of several drones and said, "Russians, two can play this game." In a caption, he noted that the video was from Jan. 10 but a "prophetic one," he wrote with a wink. "Welcome to the new era, Moscow!"

Russia's Defense Ministry initially said that eight plane-style drones had been deployed in the attack — and that all had been intercepted. But Russian media outlets reported higher numbers, ranging from 10 to more than 30. Videos on social media showed downed drones burning in fields and flying over the capital's expensive, elite neighborhoods.

In one video, a man can be heard shouting, "It's flying right over our house!" The two residential buildings that suffered minor fire damage and had broken windows were on Moscow's periphery. No serious injuries were reported.

On Wednesday, reactions appeared mixed among Muscovites interviewed by The Post. Some seemed unconcerned, while others admitted to being frightened.

Elena, 49, whose surname The Post is withholding for security reasons, lives opposite the residential building that was hit on Leninskiy Prospekt, on the southwest periphery of Moscow.

Elena said she slept through the attack but woke up when the building's residents were evacuated. She described a "strange" scene of people looking frightened and tired, filing into buses and clutching their belongings.

"It was shocking that one of the drones almost hit our building," she said in an interview. "The war is very close now. For me personally it has always been very close and I knew that this attack was soon to come. But for many people that realization has not come through yet, unfortunately."

Elena added that many residents "are angry" and blame the authorities and air defense for not preventing the attack.

"I think many people got nervous yesterday," Elena said. "No one can be prepared for such an event; no amount of propaganda will reassure you. ... There is a feeling of both absolute apathy and insecurity."

In early May, two drones were intercepted over the Kremlin in an unsuccessful attack that Moscow blamed on Ukraine and claimed was an attempt to assassinate Putin. He was not in the building at the time.

Andrei Kolesnikov, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Russia Eurasia Center, said Wednesday that while many Russians have chosen to ignore the war and enjoy the warm weather, "nevertheless, Ukraine had at least reminded them."

"Muscovites can only to a small extent feel what the inhabitants of Ukrainian cities feel, but this is enough to make them think a little," Kolesnikov said. "If the drones turn out to be not an isolated case — a reminder that hostilities are nearby, already in the capital, which means that Putin is not omnipotent — then this may indeed sway public opinion somewhat in favor of starting peace negotiations."

Some politicians and pro-war hawks criticized Moscow's failure for allowing drones to enter the capital's airspace and demanded harsher retaliation.

"What are you doing? Get ... out of the offices you've been put in to defend this country," Wagner mercenary group boss Yevgeniy Prigozhin yelled in an incendiary, profanity-laced criticism of Russia's Defense Ministry, which he published in a voice note to Telegram. "Why ... are you allowing these drones to fly to Moscow?" He added: "What are ordinary people supposed to do when drones with explosives crash into their windows?"

Petr Tolstoy, the vice speaker of the State Duma, Russia's lower house of parliament, meanwhile, called for the occupation of Kyiv. "To stop the shelling of Moscow, it is necessary to occupy Kyiv," Tolstoy said.: We need to mobilize all forces and means."

Moscow tried to capture the Ukrainian capital last year but failed.

Tuesday's attack on Moscow also highlighted a difference of opinion among Ukraine's Western supporters.

While the United States has asked Zelensky and Ukraine's Defense Ministry not to use American weapons or equipment for attacks on Russian territory, other countries suggested Ukraine was justified. During a visit to Estonia on Tuesday, U.K. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said Ukraine had the right to "project force" beyond its own borders.

Ebel reported from London, Abbakumova from Riga, Latvia, and Schmidt and Koshiw from Kyiv, Ukraine.



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Actor

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Fossil fuel pipeline helped grease the debt ceiling deal

Longtime backers seized on opening to fast-track controversial project

BY MAXINE JOSELOW

Immediately after House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) reached an elusive agreement with President Biden on Saturday to raise the debt ceiling, the speaker emerged from his office and called a little-known congresswoman about a once obscure energy project.

"We got Mountain Valley Pipeline done," McCarthy told Rep. Carol Miller (R-W.Va.), according to people familiar with the conversation.

The speaker was referring to a controversial gas pipeline that the debt limit deal sought to fast-track. Its inclusion shocked many in Washington, including several lawmakers, aides and lobbyists.

Yet the phone call, which has not been reported previously, capped a week of behind-the-scenes negotiations among House Republicans, White House officials and others over the 303-mile pipeline, which would carry natural gas across West Virginia and Virginia — over the opposition of local residents and climate activists.

Sen. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.), a swing vote in the closely divided Senate, has been one of the most vocal supporters of the pipeline. But House Republicans and their aides also played a key role in securing language in the debt ceiling deal to expedite the project's completion, according to people close to the talks, many of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the private deliberations.

To make the stars align, House Republicans had to enlist Manchin in communications with the White House, the people said. The resulting deal included many players but demonstrated how industry lobbyists can influence legislation and help certain politicians in the mix.

White House officials agreed to include the language to honor a promise they made to Manchin last summer. To secure Manchin's support for Democrats' landmark climate law, dubbed the Inflation Reduction Act, party leaders agreed to pass a follow-up bill that would speed up the nation's permitting process for energy infrastructure, including by expediting the Mountain Valley project.

The Mountain Valley Pipeline, or MVP, is a joint venture between some of the largest gas companies in Appalachia and the nation's most valuable power company, NextEra Energy. Its largest investor is Equitrans Midstream, which has a 48.1 percent ownership interest and will operate the pipeline.

The week-long scramble to boost the project began May 23 — a day when Republicans accused Biden of "a lack of urgency" in the debt ceiling talks, a claim the White House rejected. On that day, Equitrans chief executive Thomas Karam met with staffers for Miller about including the favorable provisions in the debt ceiling deal, the people close to the talks said. The same day, Lance West, a lobbyist for the American Petroleum Institute and Manchin's former chief of staff, also huddled with Miller staffers about the MVP.

West characterized his negotiating role as minimal, saying he regularly meets with lawmakers as the top lobbyist for the oil and gas industry's main trade association.

"I'm just a man in a lobbying job like any other," he said. "I meet with everybody about permitting reform."

Natalie Cox, a spokeswoman for Equitrans, declined to confirm the meeting but said in an email that the company is "grateful for the full support of the White House, as well as the strong leadership of Democratic and Republican legislators for recognizing the Mountain Valley Pipeline as a critical energy infrastructure project."

One key player was Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-Pa.), the chief deputy whip and a key member of the House GOP leadership. Reschenthaler helped rally support for the provisions, noting that the pipeline would deliver gas from Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale formation to markets in the Southeast.

"Natural gas from communities in my district, along with Ohio and West Virginia, will lower energy costs in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina," Reschenthaler said in a statement. "I applaud my colleagues' teamwork and was proud to work with them to ensure MVP's completion."

Manchin also played a pivotal role. The West Virginia Democrat called the White House last week to urge the administration to support the Mountain Valley Pipeline provisions, the people close to the talks said. A spokeswoman for Manchin confirmed the call but declined to detail what was discussed or when exactly it occurred.

The politics of all these maneuvers are complicated.

Manchin has not yet said whether he will run for reelection next year in a state that Biden lost to President Donald Trump by nearly 39 percentage points. But Republicans brushed aside concerns that including the pipeline provisions would deliver a major victory to Manchin, buoying his potential reelection bid.

Rep. Alex Mooney (R-W.Va.) encouraged members of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus to back the pipeline language, despite his announcement that he will seek Manchin's seat along with West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice (R). And Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) was one of the loudest voices in the Senate supporting the language, despite her endorsement of Justice.

Ryan Kelley, a spokesman for Mooney, said in an email that the West Virginia lawmaker "has consistently supported the Mountain Valley Pipeline" and is "committed to expanded energy production in West Virginia and domestic energy production in the United States."

Capito, who has introduced her own legislation to expedite MVP, said in a statement that "despite delay after delay, we continued to fight to get this critical natural gas pipeline up and running, and its inclusion in this deal is a significant victory for the future of West Virginia."

Many climate activists see Biden's tacit approval of the pipeline as yet another betrayal, given permits granted to the Willow oil project in Alaska and his past promises to rapidly reduce the nation's carbon footprint.

"This White House has paid so much lip service to environmental justice," said Jean Su, a senior attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity. "But when the rubber meets the road, the Mountain Valley Pipeline decision was completely exclusionary of the actual environmental justice communities on the ground."

Biden administration officials say they have sought to honor their promise to Manchin last summer. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm recently sent a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission voicing support for the pipeline, and Biden climate adviser John D. Podesta has argued that the project was likely to be completed anyway in due time.

White House officials also say they prevented Republican attempts to gut funding from last year's landmark climate law.

"President Biden protected his historic climate legislation, stopped House Republicans from clawing back record funding for environmental justice projects, and secured a deal to get hundreds of clean energy projects online faster," White House spokesman Abdullah Hasan said in an email.

The debt ceiling deal would approve all of the outstanding permits for the Mountain Valley Pipeline within 21 days of its passage. Environmental lawyers have called this language an extraordinary end run around the courts, noting that the pipeline has been delayed by a string of legal setbacks.

Building the Mountain Valley Pipeline across national forest and hundreds of streams requires permits from federal and state agencies. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has repeatedly blocked these permits for failing to account for environmental damage, especially pollution in local waterways. And just on Friday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ruled that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission needed to provide a further environmental review of the project, which could have put its completion off until 2024.

Rep. Garret Graves (R-La.), a top GOP negotiator on the debt limit bill, said on a call with reporters Tuesday that the pipeline language in the debt limit bill is "ultimately a huge win for Republicans" because it puts "Democrats on record supporting a conventional energy project that removes or ties the hands of the judiciary."

A Senate Democratic aide said much of the credit belongs with Manchin.

"He is the one responsible for bringing it to the White House's attention and holding the White House's feet to the fire," the aide said. "This is Joe Manchin's win."

Timothy Puko contributed to this report.



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Pipe lies along a Mountain Valley Pipeline construction site near Elliston, Va., in 2019. The provision to expedite the project honors an earlier White House promise to Sen. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.)

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Going against upbringing, Va. couple turns to public schools

HOME SCHOOLING FROM A1

modern home-schooling movement. That movement, led by deeply conservative Christians, saw home schooling as a way of life — a conscious rejection of contemporary ideas about biology, history, gender equality and the role of religion in American government.

Christina and Aaron were supposed to advance the banner of that movement, instilling its codes in their children through the same forms of corporal punishment once inflicted upon them. Yet instead, along with many others of their age and upbringing, they had walked away.

Like all rebellions, this one had come with consequences. Their decision to send Aimee to the neighborhood elementary school — a test run to see how it might work for their other kids — had contributed to a bitter rift with their own parents, who couldn't understand their embrace of an education system they had been raised to abhor. And it had led Christina, who until that summer day had home-schooled all of their children, into an existential crisis.

"I never imagined sending you to the local elementary school instead of learning and growing together at home," she wrote later that day in an Instagram post addressed to her daughter. "But life has a way of undoing our best laid plans and throwing us curveballs."

Christina did not describe on Instagram how perplexed she and Aaron had been by a ritual that the other parents seemed to understand; how she had tried, in unwitting defiance of school rules, to accompany Aimee inside, earning a gentle rebuke from the principal.

And she did not describe what happened after their daughter vanished into a building they had been taught no child should ever enter. On that first day of school — first not just for one girl but for two generations of a family — the Bealls walked back to their SUV, and as Aaron started the car, Christina began to cry.



CHRISTINA BEALL

Aaron and Christina Beall with daughter Aimee, then 6, on her first day at Round Hill Elementary on Aug. 26, 2021. Both parents had been home-schooled and had rarely set foot in a school building.

The 'Joshua Generation'

Across the country, interest in home schooling has never been greater. The Bealls could see the surge in Virginia, where nearly 57,000 children were being home-schooled in the fall of 2022 — a 28 percent jump from three years earlier. The rise of home education, initially unleashed by parents' frustrations with pandemic-related campus closures and remote learning, has endured as one of the lasting social transformations wrought by covid-19.

But if the coronavirus was a catalyst for the explosion in home schooling, the stage was set through decades of painstaking work by true believers like those who had raised Aaron and Christina. Aided by the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) — a Christian nonprofit that has been dubbed "the most influential homeschool organization in the world," and is based less than five miles from the Bealls' house in Northern Virginia — those activists had fought to establish the legality of home schooling in the 1980s and early 1990s, conquering the skepticism of public school administrators and state lawmakers across the country.

Through their influence, a practice with roots in the countercultural left took on a very different character. Among conservative Christians, home schooling became a tool for binding children to fundamentalist beliefs they felt were threatened by exposure to other points of view. Rightly educated, those children would grow into what HSLDA founder Michael Farris called a "Joshua Generation" that would seek the political power and cultural influence to reshape America according to biblical principles.

Home schooling today is more diverse, demographically and ideologically, than it was in the heyday of conservative Christian activism. Yet those activists remain extraordinarily influential.

Over decades, they have eroded state regulations, ensuring that parents who home-school face little oversight in much of the country. More recently, they have inflamed the nation's culture wars, fueling attacks on public-school lessons about race and gender with the politically potent language of "parental rights."

But what should be a moment of triumph for conservative Christian home-schoolers has been undermined by an unmistakable backlash: the desertion and denunciations of the very children they said they were saving.

Former home-schoolers have been at the forefront of those arguing for greater oversight of home schooling, forming the nonprofit Coalition for Responsible Home Education to make their case.

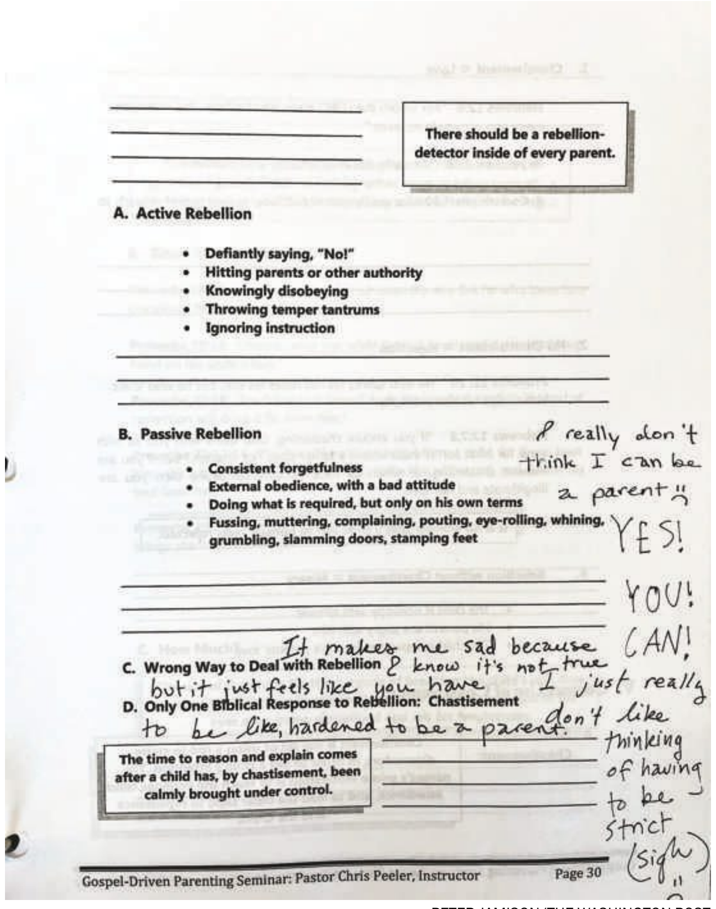
"As an adult I can say, 'No. What happened to me as a child was wrong,'" said Samantha Field, the coalition's government relations director.

Earlier this year, Jinger Duggar Vuolo — familiar to millions of TV viewers from the reality show "19 Kids and Counting" — published a memoir in which she harshly criticized Bill Gothard, a pivotal but now disgraced figure in conservative Christian home schooling whose teachings her parents followed. Beginning a decade ago, Gothard was accused of sexual abuse and harassment by dozens of women — allegations the minister vehemently denied.

Farris said it is not uncommon for children who grow up in oppressively patriarchal households to reject or at least moderate their parents' beliefs. However, he said such families are a minority in the home-schooling movement and are often considered extreme even by other conservative Christians.

"I view this as the fringe of the fringe," Farris said. "And every kid that I know that has lashed out at home schooling came out of this."

Christina, 34, and Aaron, 37, had joined no coalitions. They had published no memoirs. Their rebellion played out in angry text messages and emails with their parents, in tense conversations conducted at the edges of birthday parties and Easter gatherings. Their own children — four of them, including Aimee — knew little of their reasons for abandoning home schooling: the physical and emotional trauma of the "biblical discipline" to which they had been subjected, the regrets over what Aaron called "a life robbed" by strictures on what and how they learned.



There should be a rebellion-detector inside of every parent.

A. Active Rebellion

- Defiantly saying, "No!"
- Hitting parents or other authority
- Knowingly disobeying
- Throwing temper tantrums
- Ignoring instruction

B. Passive Rebellion

- Consistent forgetfulness
- External obedience, with a bad attitude
- Doing what is required, but only on his own terms
- Fussing, muttering, complaining, pouting, eye-rolling, whining, grumbling, slamming doors, stamping feet

C. Wrong Way to Deal with Rebellion

D. Only One Biblical Response to Rebellion: Chastisement

The time to reason and explain comes after a child has, by chastisement, been calmly brought under control.

I really don't think I can be a parent :(

YES! YOU! CAN!

It makes me sad because I know it's not true but it just feels like you have to be like, hardened to be a parent.

I just really don't like thinking of having to be strict (sigh)

Gospel-Driven Parenting Seminar: Pastor Chris Peeler, Instructor Page 30

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At a 2012 parenting seminar, Aaron and Christina wrote notes to each other discussing their doubts about "Biblical discipline."

Aaron had grown up believing Christians could out-populate atheists and Muslims by scorning birth control; Christina had been taught the Bible-based arithmetic necessary to calculate the age of a universe less than 8,000 years old. Their education was one in which dinosaurs were herded aboard Noah's ark — and in which the penalty for doubt or disobedience was swift. Sometimes they still flinched when they remembered their parents' literal adherence to the words of the Old Testament: "Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die."

The Bealls knew that many home-schooling families didn't share the religious doctrines that had so warped their own lives. But they also knew that the same laws that had failed to protect them would continue to fail other children.

"It's specifically a system that is set up to hide the abuse, to make them invisible, to strip them of any capability of getting help. And not just in a physical way," Christina said. "At some point, you become so mentally imprisoned you don't even realize you need help."

"When it came time for me to hit my kids, that was the first independent thought I remember having: 'This can't be right. I think I'll just skip this part.'"

Aaron Beall

'Breaking the child's will'

Christina had felt no urge to escape when, at the age of 15, she listed her "Requirements for my husband" in neat, looping script on a ruled sheet of notebook paper.

"Must want me to be a full-time homemaker & only have an outside job if required or instructed by my Potter," she wrote, referring to biblical verses that liken humans to clay in the hands of God. "Must believe in 'full & unconditional' surrender of our # of children to God Almighty." And: "Must desire to homeschool our children."

The list is a blueprint of what she had been taught about the proper ambitions of a woman: to bear and raise children while shielding them from what those around her called "government schools." She felt both hopeful and nervous when, several years later, her father, Derrick Comfort, came home with news: He had just met with a young man who had been raised with those same ideals — and who wanted Christina to be his wife.

Aaron was shy and cerebral, a self-taught web developer who had grown up in Fairfax County, Va., had never attended college and, at age 26, still lived with his parents. He barely knew Christina Comfort, the oldest of eight children on her family's 10-acre farm on Maryland's Eastern Shore. A graduate of Patrick Henry College — founded by Farris in Virginia to cater to Christian home-schoolers — she taught math and writing to her siblings and did chores around the farm. She prayed while riding a lawn mower for God to send her a husband.

The Comfort and Beall families were both active in a religious community led by Gary Cox, an evangelical pastor and pioneer of Maryland's home-schooling movement. Christina was a graduate of Cox's home education network, Walkersville Christian Family Schools, while Aaron began attending Cox's church in rural northern Maryland as a teenager. The minister exerted a powerful influence over his congregation and students, teaching that children live in divinely ordained subjection to the rule of their parents.

Cox — who still operates a home-schooling organization, now called Wellspring Christian Family Schools — declined repeated interview requests. Last year his son, Dan Cox, a home-schooled Maryland state delegate who denied the legitimacy of the 2020 presidential election, won the Republican gubernatorial primary. He went on to lose in a landslide to Democrat Wes Moore.

About this series

Over the past three years, American interest in home schooling has soared. In this series, The Washington Post will explore how that rise is transforming the nation's educational landscape — and the lives of hundreds of thousands of children who now learn at home rather than at a traditional school.

During Aaron and Christina's "courtship" — a period of chaperoned contact that served as a prelude to formal engagement — they seemed ready to fulfill their parents' hopes. Eating calamari in Annapolis or touring Colonial Williamsburg, they talked about what their future would include (home schooling) and what it would not (music with a beat that can be danced to). But signs soon emerged of the unimaginable rupture that lay ahead.

On a spring afternoon in 2012, the couple sat in a small church in Queenstown, Md. In preparation for marriage, they were attending a three-day seminar on "Gospel-Driven Parenting" run by Chris Peeler, a minister whose family was part of Gary Cox's home-schooling group. The workshop covered a range of topics, including the one they were now studying: "Chastisement."

"The use of the rod is for the purpose of breaking the child's will," stated the handout that they bent over together in the church. "One way to tell if this has happened is to see if they can look you in the eyes after being disciplined and ask for forgiveness."

Bible verses were cited in support of corporal punishment. But Christina had misgivings.

"I really don't think I can be a parent," she wrote to Aaron in the margins of the handout. "It just feels like you have to be, like, hardened."

"YES! YOU! CAN!" Aaron wrote back.

The use of the "rod" — interpreted by different people as a wooden spoon, dowel, belt, rubber hose or other implement — was a common practice among the conservative Christian home-schoolers Aaron and Christina knew, and one they had both experienced regularly in their own families.

The elder Bealls and Comforts did not respond to repeated requests to discuss the discipline they used with their children and the decision by Aaron and Christina to embrace public education. Aaron's older brother, Joshua — who Aaron said still home-schools his children — did not return calls. Aaron's other siblings could not be reached for comment. Christina's siblings, some of whom have also left her parents' home, either declined to comment or could not be reached.

Aaron actually shared Christina's qualms. He knew that the term parents in the movement casually used for discipline, "spankings," did not capture the childhood terror of being struck several times a week — sometimes more, sometimes less — with what he describes as a shortened broomstick for disobeying commands or failing to pay attention to his schoolwork.

The memory of waiting as a small child outside his parents' bedroom for his mother to summon him in; the fear that his transgressions might be enough to incur what he called "killer bee" spankings, when the rod was used against his bare skin; his efforts to obey the order to remain immobile as he was hit — all these sensations and emotions seeped into his bones, creating a deep conviction that those who fail to obey authority pay an awful price.

"For a long time, I've wondered why I was so unable to think for myself in this environment," he says today, attributing the shortcoming to "learning that even starting to think, or disagree with authorities, leads to pain — leads to physical and real pain that you cannot escape."

Now, on the threshold of parenthood — Christina would become pregnant within two weeks of their wedding on Sept. 29, 2012 — the couple's reservations about "chastisement" could no longer be ignored. As a wedding gift, they said, Aaron's brother and sister-in-law had given them "To Train Up a Child," by the popular Christian home-schooling authors Michael and Debi Pearl.

The Pearls advocate hitting children with tree branches, belts



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Aaron, a self-taught and successful web developer, began questioning not only the corporal punishment he endured as a home-schooled child but Christianity itself. He started to feel adrift.

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Aimee Beall works on homework beside her younger sister, Aurelia, while their mother, Christina, prepares a snack for them. Christina and husband Aaron decided in the fall of 2022 that all three of their school-age children — Aimee, 7, Oliver, 5, and Ezra, 9 — would attend public school, while 2-year-old Aurelia would remain at home.

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— Christina Beall

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and other "instruments of love" to instill obedience, and recommend that toddlers who take slowly to potty training be washed outdoors with cold water from a garden hose. Their book advocates "training sessions" in which infants, as soon as they are old enough to crawl, are placed near a desired object and repeatedly struck with a switch if they disobey commands not to touch it.

The Pearls have defended their methods, saying they are not meant to encourage brutality and, when properly applied, reduce the frequency with which parents must later discipline their kids.

Aaron and Christina did not follow the Pearls' advice when their first child, Ezra, was born. Nor did they take on authoritarian roles with their second, Aimee, or third, Oliver. All were homeschooled, albeit in less isolation than their parents: Christina joined co-ops with other Christian mothers in Northern Virginia.

But by the time the Bealls had Aurelia, their fourth child, Aaron — now a successful software engineer whose job had enabled the family to buy a four-bedroom house in Loudoun County — had begun to question far more than corporal punishment.

"When it came time for me to hit my kids, that was the first independent thought I remember having: 'This can't be right. I think I'll just skip this part,'" he says.

But if that seemingly inviolable dogma was false, what else might be? Aaron gradually began to feel adrift and depressed.

"It's like having the rug pulled out from under your feet," he says. "All of reality is kind of up for grabs."

He scoured Amazon for books about evolution and cosmology. Eventually, he found his way to blog posts and books by former Christian fundamentalists who had abandoned their religious beliefs. He watched an interview with Tara Westover, whose best-selling memoir, "Educated," detailed the severe educational neglect and physical abuse she endured as a child of survivalist Mormon home-schoolers in Idaho.

And in the spring of 2021, as he and Christina were struggling to engage Aimee in her at-home lessons, he suggested a radical solution: Why not try sending their daughter to the reputable public elementary school less than a mile from their house?

'So much pain'

Christina could think of many reasons. They were the same ones Aaron had learned as a child: Public schools were places where children are bullied, or raped in the bathroom, or taught to hate Jesus.

But she also suspected that Aimee could use the help of professional educators. Just as important, she had learned all her life that it was her duty to obey her husband. She was confounded and angry, at both Aaron and the seeming contradiction his suggestion had exposed.

"I guess I'm just honestly confused and wonder what you think," she wrote in an email to her father in May 2021. "I'm supposed to submit to Aaron, he wants the kids to go to public school. ... You think that's a sin but it's also a sin to not listen to your husband so which is it?"

At first, Christina's and Aaron's parents reacted to the news that they were considering public school for Aimee with dazed incomprehension. Did Christina feel overwhelmed, they asked? Did she need more help with work around the house? As long as Aimee was learning to read, she would be fine, Aaron's mother assured them. Christina's father sent a YouTube video of John Taylor Gatto, a famous critic of America's public education system.

The dialogue took on a darker tone as Aimee, with Christina's hesitant agreement, began school that fall. By then, Aaron had told his parents he no longer considered himself a believer.

"This is absolutely devastating," his mother, Linda Beall, wrote in a long email to Christina. "I hurt so much for you Christina!!!"

"I don't think Aaron is going to be wrestled into heaven with good arguments," Linda added. "I think this is likely about his response to hard things in his life. I think he needs to come face to face with God himself, and bow before Him in recognition of his own sin, and need for a Savior."

Despite the sympathy expressed in the email, Christina bristled at the suggestion that her husband's crisis of faith stemmed from his reluctance to face "hard things" in his life. She knew that reexamining his religious convictions and traumatic memories had perhaps been the hardest thing Aaron had ever done.

Aimee, meanwhile, was thriving at Round Hill Elementary. By the third quarter, her report card said she was "a pleasure to teach," was "slowly becoming more social and more willing to participate in class" and showed "tremendous growth" in her reading skills, which had lagged below grade level at the beginning of the year.

For several months after that first week of classes — when she had come home wearing a paper hat, colored with blue crayon and printed with the words "My First Day of First Grade" — Aimee had had a stock response when her parents asked her how she liked school: She would suppress a grin, say she "hated it," and then start laughing at her own joke.

"You should have asked to go to school," Aimee, who knew her mom had been educated at home, would eventually tell Christina. "It affects your whole life."

Now it was Christina's turn to question her belief — not in Christianity, but in the conservative Christian approach to home schooling. She began to research spiritual abuse and the history of Christian nationalism. Ideas she had never questioned — such as the statement, in a book given to her by her dad, that it "would be a waste of her time and her life" for a woman to work outside the house — no longer made sense.

Her loss of faith in the biblical literalism and patriarchal values of her childhood was coming in the way the movement's adherents had always warned it would: through exposure to people with different experiences and points of view.

Those people just happened to be her daughter and her husband.

"This is the guy I've been married to for eight years," she recalls thinking. "I know him. I know his heart. I know what kind of parent he wants to be to our kids. These easy answers of 'Oh, you're just not a Christian anymore, you just want to sin' ... didn't work anymore."

As Aimee's first year at Round Hill Elementary came to an end, Aaron and Christina were more convinced than ever that they had made the right decision. But they were also at a loss for how to heal the tensions with their parents.

In a 2022 email intended for a pastor at her church but sent by accident to Christina, Linda Beall blamed her daughter-in-law for their deepening rift, saying she had taken undue offense at good-faith efforts to advise and support the family through Aaron's loss of faith.

"So she is again flipping the script from the reality that we love them and her, want to support them, and have only tried to do that again and again, but have been assaulted every time we engage. And I have given up trying [because] it all gets flipped and used against us," Linda wrote. "I really can not remember one conversations we have had since this unfolded that has not escalated things. So when she beats up 'everything' I say, never offers forgiveness, why would we want to engage again?"

Around the same time, Christina sent Aaron's parents a series of text messages lamenting what she said was their unwillingness to reconcile and explaining that she had changed her opinions about the way she and Aaron had been raised.

"There has been so much pain but I am so excited to now understand and see past the ways that people control and manipulate me," she wrote. "And you may not believe it but I still love Jesus."

Aaron and Christina had decided that, in the fall of 2022, all three of their school-age children — not just Aimee but 5-year-old Oliver and 9-year-old Ezra — would attend public school. Aurelia, then 2, would remain at home.

Despite Aimee's positive experience, Aaron and Christina were anxious, both for their children and about how their parents would react. One afternoon in June, Christina sent a text message to her mother.

"I need to tell you that all three kids are going to school in the fall. I'm sorry, because I know this will be upsetting and disappointing to you and dad," Christina wrote. "I figured you should hear it from me first."

Three hours later, her mother texted back.

"Dearest Christina, it is not at all upsetting or disappointing to me," Catherine Comfort wrote. "You and Aaron are outstanding parents and I'm sure you made the decision best for your family."

Even Aaron's parents finally signaled a grudging degree of acceptance. In February, Linda and Bernard Beall walked into the gym at Round Hill Elementary one cold Saturday afternoon to watch a school performance of "The Lion King." Ezra had a part in the chorus as a wildebeest.

Sitting on plastic chairs in the dark and crowded room, the pair gave no outward sign of the remarkable nature of their visit. When the performance was over, they hugged their grandkids in front of the stage and exchanged halting small talk with Aaron and Christina. Then they drove off, with no discussion of a visit to their son's house a few blocks away.

Family night

About 10 minutes remained before the Bealls would have to pile into their minivan, and the children needed to get dressed — in their pajamas.

It was Groundhog Day, a damp night in February, and a low fire glowed in the hearth of the Bealls' living room. Aaron and Christina sat on the floor playing card and board games with their kids, while Ezra sat on the couch, wearing headphones and absorbed in a game on his laptop.

Soon they would be leaving to attend their elementary school's "For the Love of Reading Family Night," held in the school library, where students were encouraged to come dressed for bedtime.

As Oliver rose to change (Ezra, the oldest, would not deign to put on his jammies), Aimee told her parents how her second-grade class had learned that day about Punxsutawney Phil.

Aaron looked at her in bewilderment.

"Phil?" he asked. "Am I out of the loop?"

His daughter stared back at him in disbelief.

"He's famous!" Aimee said. She explained Phil's role in predicting the length of winter.

"I knew about groundhogs," Aaron said. "I just didn't know about Phil."

"He's *really* famous," Aimee said.

Christina smiled at her husband.

"Home-schooler," she said.

These were the gaps Aaron and Christina had become accustomed to finding as they learned about a world whose boundaries extended far beyond the one in which they had been raised. There were so many things they had not learned, and perhaps would never learn.

Stacks of books on the living room's end tables testified to their belated efforts at self-education: popular works by the biologists Neil Shubin and Robert Sapolsky, as well as "Raising Critical Thinkers" by Julie Bogart, a leading developer of home education materials who has criticized conservative Christian homeschooling groups. Aaron and Christina were still young, but they knew enough about the demands of life, work and family to understand that they could not recover or reconstruct the lost opportunities of their childhoods.

But they could provide new and different opportunities for their own kids. They were doing so in Loudoun County, one of the hotbeds of America's culture wars over public instruction about race and gender. To the Bealls, who truly knew what it was like to learn through the lens of ideology, concerns about kids being brainwashed in public schools were laughable.

"People who think the public schools are indoctrinating don't know what indoctrination is. We were indoctrinated," Aaron says. "It's not even comparable."

There were still moments when they were condemned by an inner voice telling them that they were doing the wrong thing, that both they and their children would go to hell for abandoning the rod and embracing public schools. But the voice was usually silenced by their wonder and gratitude at the breadth of their children's education.

That breadth was on display as the Bealls jostled into the school library with other families. It was the second day of Black History Month, and the shelves were set up with displays of books about the Underground Railroad, soprano Ella Sheppard and Vice President Harris. Where the walls reached the ceiling a mural was painted, with Mary Poppins and Winnie the Pooh.

Aaron and Christina stood shoulder-to-shoulder, surveying the room. This was the belly of the beast, the environment their parents had worked to save them from.

But they weren't scared to be inside this school, and were now familiar with it. On Tuesday mornings, Christina volunteered here, helping Aimee's class with reading lessons.

"Let's go out this way, guys," she said, leading the way through an exit when it was time to disperse from the library to listen to the teachers read stories aloud.

The hallways were long and wide, with plenty of room for small legs to gather speed. Soon Aaron and Christina were watching as their children, who knew the way to their classrooms, ran far in front of them.



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Aimee walks ahead of her mother, holding sister Aurelia, and her father during a reading event at Round Hill Elementary in Loudoun County. "People who think the public schools are indoctrinating don't know what indoctrination is. We were indoctrinated," Aaron says.

Leaders urge senators to move swiftly toward bill's passage

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amendments, though he didn't offer any details about them.

In a positive sign for the deal's prospects in the Senate, however, McConnell's leadership team was unified in their support of the compromise legislation. After the weekly Republican caucus lunch, some senators expressed hesitation about the bill but said the spending provisions marked a major turning point.

"This is a first step," said Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), the Senate Republican Conference chairman and one of McConnell's most conservative deputies.

The House's passage of the bipartisan debt limit deal comes after months of uncertainty and marked a rare instance in the Biden presidency where the House essentially forced the Senate to take up its deal with the White House.

The agreement between Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) suspends the debt ceiling and puts limits on some spending for the next two years. It also pares back money designated for the IRS, increases spending for the military and veterans affairs in line with inflation, and increases work requirements for certain recipients of federal food stamps and welfare.

To avoid a default on the debt Monday, senators will first need to come to some type of time agreement, which would govern how long the bill can be debated and requires unanimous consent from all senators. The more amendment votes that occur, the longer final passage will take. And any changes to a House-passed bill in the Senate would mean the House would have to take the legislation up again, which would almost certainly mean blowing past the Monday deadline. Possible amendments are widely expected to be required to pass a 60-vote threshold, essentially guaranteeing that they would largely be symbolic.

Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.), the No. 2 Republican leader, said the deal could move "fairly quickly" if a time agreement is reached.

"I think most, if not all, believe that it's in our best interest to not tempt fate and to get this done in accordance with the timelines that have been laid out," Thune said.

What a time agreement looks like and which amendments would receive a vote, however, wasn't clear Wednesday afternoon. During the GOP lunch, some foreign policy hawks expressed dissatisfaction with the level of defense spending in the legislation, according to two attendees who spoke on the condition of anonymity to detail internal discussions, and some Republicans said that they had questions about a provision that would enact a short-term funding bill for the remainder of the fiscal year with a 1 percent cut if all 12 appropriations bills aren't signed by Jan. 1.

Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), the top Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee, said she remains "very concerned" about the short-term funding provision and wants a "commitment from Senator Schumer that he's going to bring each of those appropriations bills to the Senate floor."

On the Democratic side, Sen. Tim Kaine (Va.) plans to file an amendment to remove a provision that expedites the Mountain Valley Pipeline, a major natural gas pipeline that would run from West Virginia to Virginia. The pipeline is a top priority for Sens. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va).

"If they're going to put something in about Virginia that I think is a bad idea without talking to me, then I ought to be able to stand up for Virginians and have a vote on it," Kaine said, without indicating whether he'll support final passage of the legislation.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) said earlier this week that the deal "rewards the hostage taking that the Republicans have gotten so damn good at." She has not said how she'll vote. And Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) said he has "enormous concerns" about the Mountain Valley Pipeline provision.

Despite those concerns, several senators indicated that the bipartisan debt limit deal is merely a reality of divided government.

"There are people for whom compromise is just never an option and they'll make a bunch of noise," said Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), who plans to support the deal. "I suspect about half of the people that vote no will be hoping like hell it passes."

Paul Kane contributed to this report.



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Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), top, and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) didn't give any indication that there would be an issue passing the bipartisan debt ceiling bill in their chamber ahead of Monday's deadline.

Five takeaways on the economic impact of the debt ceiling agreement

BY ABHA BHATTARAI

The nation appears to be on track to avoid an economic calamity. A last-minute debt agreement between President Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), forged over the weekend, has families and business owners optimistic that lawmakers will pass a deal in time to prevent a catastrophic default.

The proposed deal would raise the federal debt ceiling, allowing the government to borrow more to pay its obligations. It would also fund the government for the next two years. But how would this bipartisan deal affect households, businesses and the overall economy? Experts weigh in with five takeaways.

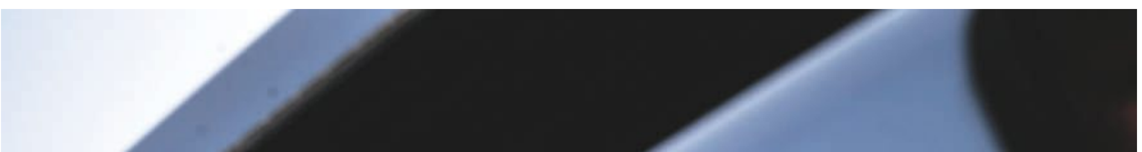
The plan would do very little to balance the budget

Despite months of pointed debate, the debt ceiling deal is expected to do little to bring down the U.S. deficit, which is the gap between the government's income and its spending in a given year.

The agreement would cut spending by $1.5 trillion over the next 10 years, according to a Congressional Budget Office analysis released Tuesday. The deficit reduction for 2024 is expected to be about $70 billion, in addition to $4.4 billion in deficit reduction for the rest of 2023.

Those savings wouldn't balance out the country's largest expenses, which include Social Security, Medicare and the military, which haven't been touched in the deal. Those spending areas totaled $4.9 trillion, or 77 percent of last year's budget, and were considered off-limits from the negotiation and will continue to fuel deficits over the next decade.

Instead, proposed spending caps are limited to "nondefense discretionary spending," a category that includes funding for education, national parks and scientific research and makes up less than 15 percent of the $6.3 trillion the United States spent in the last fiscal year.



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Washington, DC - May 10 : The Capitol Dome is seen on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, in Washington, DC. (Photo by Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

Spending on such programs would fall by $1 billion next year and rise by 1 percent in 2025, according to a White House official.

In all, the impact of those measures on the economy's growth is expected to be marginal, contributing to a reduction in the annual deficit by "a few tenths of a percentage point," according to analysts at Deutsche Bank. Since October, when fiscal year 2023 began, the federal government has spent $925 billion more than it has collected, according to the Treasury Department.

Still, the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a Washington think tank that advocates deficit reduction, praised the plan as "the first major deficit-reducing budget agreement in almost a dozen years."

Incomes are likely to take a hit, as student loan payments would resume in September

Student loan repayments have been on hold since March 2020, costing the government roughly $5 billion a month in lost revenue. If passed, the debt agreement would require some 43 million Americans to resume payments in September, slightly earlier than expected.

As a result, households could see a $40 billion reduction in disposable income, estimates Joseph Brusuelas, chief economist for consulting firm RSM US. That could quickly blunt Americans' spending power, especially at a time when many families are struggling to keep up with high inflation on necessities such as food and gas.

"These aren't trivial payments, so it can't be good for demand," said Claudia Sahm, founder of Sahm Consulting and a former Federal Reserve economist. "It means families will have less discretionary money in an environment where inflation is still high and costs are rising."

Families that get food aid could feel the pinch amid rising prices

The debt ceiling deal includes changes to nutrition programs, including new work requirements for adults who receive help through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Beyond those changes, the deal creates a spending cap on the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), $615 million short of government estimates for what is needed to feed new mothers and pregnant women and their young children in the next fiscal year.

"The drastic gap in WIC funding is worrisome, particularly when families are facing high food costs and already struggling to put healthy foods on the table," Jamila Taylor, president of the D.C.-based National WIC Association, said in a statement. "The funding gap resulting from this deal — which favors defense programs at the expense of investments that serve families and communities — puts WIC at risk of being unable to meet the increasing demand for its services."

The rock-solid job market is likely to soften a little

One byproduct of weaker government spending: fewer jobs.

A pullback at the federal level would trickle down to businesses, causing them to curb hiring. As a result, families would spend less, further weakening demand for goods and services.

Overall, new spending caps could cost the economy about 150,000 jobs by the end of next year, according to estimates from Mark Zandi, chief economist at research firm Moody's Analytics. That would be enough to push up the unemployment rate by about one-tenth of a percentage point. The current rate, at 3.4 percent, is near historic lows.

"Now, that's not great," Zandi said at a Washington Post Live event this week. "I mean, the economy is struggling. Recession risks are high. If I were king, this isn't what I would do, but 150K in the grand scheme of things is manageable."

There are protections in place to keep unemployment from rising too much. If the economy were to go into a recession in the next two years, the government could boost social assistance programs, food stamps and unemployment insurance, according to Brusuelas, the RSM US economist.

"We do not see the debt ceiling agreement as imposing any real spending restraint that would tip the economy into recession," Brusuelas wrote in a research note. "The agreement's impact on economic growth will most likely be negligible over the next two years."

Overall, the plan wouldn't be a big drag on the economy

Although parts of the debt agreement could weigh heavily on families and businesses, the deal is expected to have little, if any, fallout for the nation's economy. Estimates vary, but Gregory Daco, chief economist at consulting firm EY-Parthenon, wrote that he expects the spending caps could drag down overall economic growth by a "modest" 0.3 percent next year.

"On a personal level, this is a big deal for individual hardship and safety nets, on principle," said Sahm, the former Federal Reserve economist. "But big picture, this isn't a game changer for the economy."

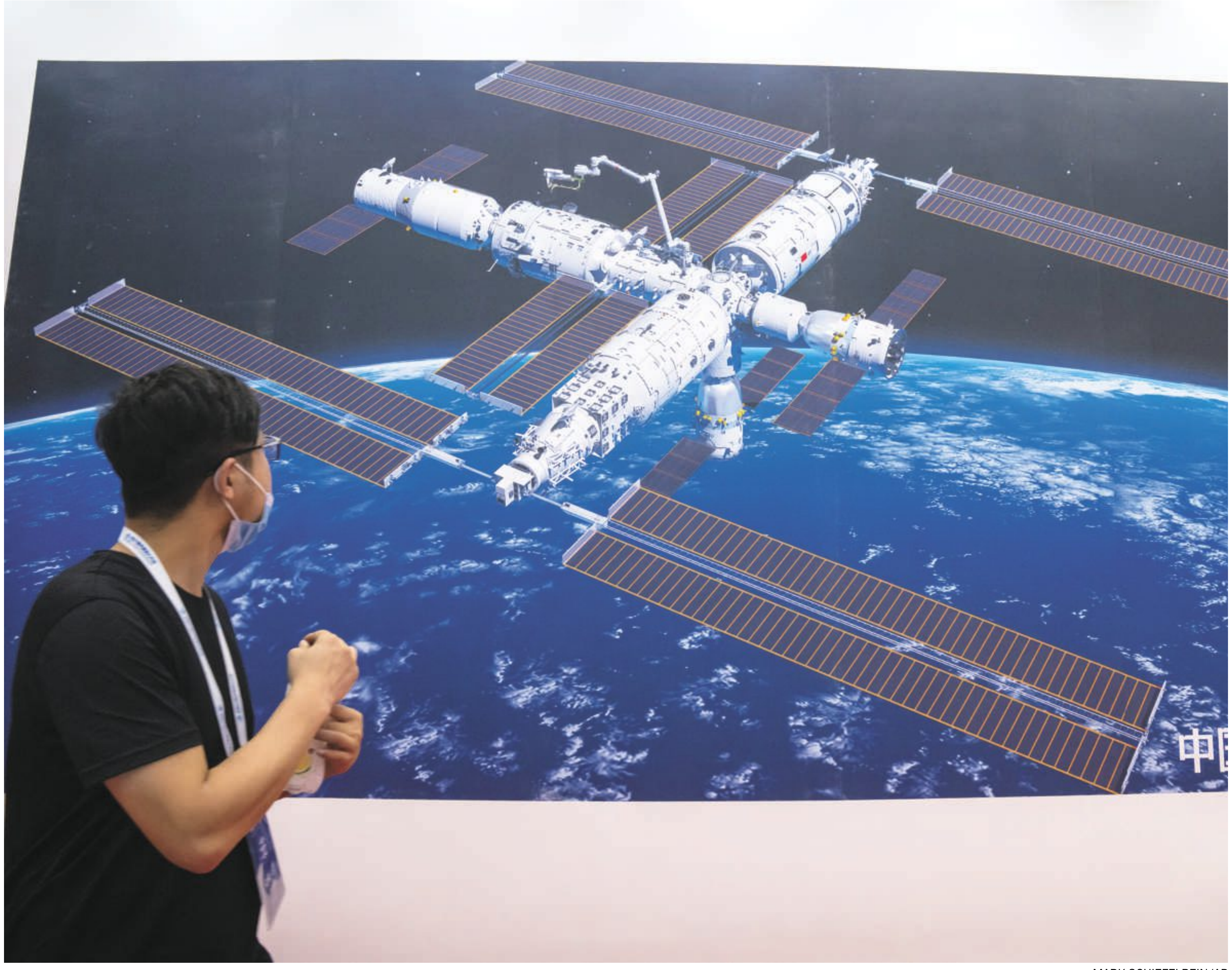
However, that pales in comparison to the global catastrophe — and near-certain recession — that would be likely if the United States doesn't forge a debt ceiling deal in time. In that scenario, Daco expects that a recession would wipe out 5 percent of the country's economy.

Zandi predicts that a U.S. default could lead to as many as 8 million job losses and $10 trillion in lost household wealth. The alternative — a bipartisan deal that would hopefully stave off a fiscal crisis, he said, is a much better outcome for the economy.

"I'll have to say it's about as good as it gets. I mean, given all the various scenarios that could have played out here, I do think this is a reasonably good ending to the story," he said Tuesday. "Hopefully, it is the ending and they get this across the finish line in the next few days and pass a piece of legislation that the president can sign."

Jeff Stein and Tobi Raji contributed to this report.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS



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Space is the focus of a new State Department document outlining the diplomatic goals of the United States in a globally competitive arena.

State hikes its space diplomacy efforts

New strategy is intended to ensure American leadership at time when China is rising as a space power

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT

With tensions rising in space, low Earth orbit becoming increasingly congested, and everyday life growing dependent on satellites, the State Department is beefing up its diplomatic efforts involving the final frontier.

In a 25-page document released Tuesday, the State Department outlines what it calls a "strategic framework for space diplomacy," intended to ensure American leadership in space at a time when China is rising as a space power and the number of countries with space programs is growing. The goals are to "build international partnerships for civil and national security space, promote a rules-based international order for outer space and work to secure the United States and its allies from space-enabled threats."

Public release of the document comes one day after China announced its intention to put people on the moon by 2030 and on the day China sent three more astronauts to its Tiangong space station orbiting Earth.

"As appropriate, we will raise space-related issues, activities and programs at the highest levels of foreign governments," the State Department document says. But there are few details on how, specifically, the outlined goals would be met or how it would ensure other nations comply with norms of behavior.

Traditionally, space relations have been the purview of NASA or the Pentagon, but the State Department document signals a larger involvement by the diplomatic corps. It is another sign of the growing importance of space in the American worldview that, in some ways, mirrors government activity at the dawn of the Space Age.

Following the Soviet Union launch of Sputnik in 1957, the United States countered a year later by establishing not only NASA but an arm of the Pentagon focused on space that eventually became the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the research arm of the Defense Department. The United States has continued to take action to make national security in space a priority, creating a new service branch in 2019 known as the Space Force. The State Department initiative suggests the expanded military focus now will be accompanied by increased attention to the soft power diplomats wield.

In an interview, Jose Fernandez, undersecretary for economic growth, energy and the environment at the State Department, said the effort is a recognition that the rapid expansion of space programs makes international cooperation critical to avoiding conflicts and misunderstandings. "We recognize that at times there may be an urge to work independently," he said of the nation's space program. "But, really, the way that we are going to succeed in this enterprise is by cooperating with others."

The effort builds on the NASA Artemis Accords, an international effort that began under the Trump administration that seeks to create a legal framework for behavior in space. So far, 24 nations have signed the accords, which require countries to adhere to a set of rules such as publicly sharing scientific discoveries and creating "safety zones" where nations could work undisturbed on the lunar surface.

They also are intended to foster an alliance in space that would help the United States not just return astronauts to the moon but establish a permanent presence there. In addition to working with traditional allies, such as Canada and France, NASA is also working with countries seeking to build up their space programs, such as the United Arab Emirates, Nigeria and Rwanda.

The State Department initiative to deepen those alliances comes at a time when new technologies developed by a growing commercial space sector are changing the way space is used in everyday life and in warfare. Satellite data, the framework document notes, is essential for international responses to disasters, combating climate change, and tracking illegal fishing and the flow of refugees.

Space systems, the State Department framework says, also play an important role in military actions such as "monitoring of arms control treaty compliance" and providing "evidence of war crimes and human rights violations." The conflict in Ukraine, for instance, has relied heavily on commercial space technology, from the SpaceX Starlink internet constellation that has allowed Ukraine to maintain internet services despite Russian bombing campaigns to imagery satellites that allow real-time views of what is happening on the ground.

"Space systems have expanded access to broadband internet in hard-to-reach areas and are now essential to operations of almost all sectors of U.S. critical infrastructure, directly affecting the lives of American people," the document says. The United States has also worked to ban destructive antisatellite tests that result in littering Earth orbit with dangerous debris, after Russia blew up a dead satellite in 2021.

And the federal government has been increasingly concerned with Chinese ambitions in space. In recent years, China has landed a spacecraft on the far side of the moon and a rover on Mars, and has assembled a space station in low Earth orbit at a time when the International Space Station is aging and is expected to be replaced by 2030.

China's intention to send astronauts to the moon has alarmed NASA Administrator Bill Nelson, who has said the United States is now in a space race with China. "If you let China get there first, what's to stop them from saying, 'We are here. This is our area. You stay out,'" he said at a recent hearing on Capitol Hill. "That is why I think it is important for us to get there on an international mission and establish the rules of the road."

The rise of China would play a significant role in the diplomatic effort, Fernandez said. "The fact of the matter is that the PRC has demonstrated significant space capabilities in really a relatively short time," he said, using the acronym for the People's Republic of China. "That is exactly why we need to make sure that the PRC and any space actor act with a transparency that is required. And that as outer space becomes more congested and activities like deploying large satellite constellations increase, major space operators like the PRC share information regarding all of their space activities and plans."

Amazon workers walk out on climate concerns

Hundreds demand remote-work flexibility, renewed commitments

BY CAROLINE O'DONOVAN

Hundreds of Amazon staff members walked off the job on Wednesday afternoon demanding a flexible remote work policy and renewed commitments to reducing carbon emissions to zero.

The walkout was a collaboration between Amazon Employees for Climate Justice and an informal group of employees who oppose Amazon's mandated return to office. Employees say recent layoffs and the mandate — which increases emissions as workers commute — have left them questioning whether Amazon executives are leading the company in the right direction.

"It's definitely concerning how low the morale is," said a Seattle-based Amazon employee who walked out and spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear of retaliation. "There's a lot of distrust in leadership right now."

Walkout organizers estimated that about 1,000 employees participated in the walkout in Seattle and said that more than 2,000 staffers pledged to participate globally.

Amazon said it employs a corporate workforce of more than 350,000 people, 65,000 of whom are based near Seattle, and estimated that 300 workers participated in Wednesday's event.

Amazon spokesman Brad Glasser said the company is pushing to reach its goal of being "net carbon zero by 2040."

"While we all would like to get there tomorrow, for companies like ours who consume a lot of power, and have very substantial transportation, packaging and physical building assets, it'll take time to accomplish," he said. "We remain on track to get to 100 percent renewable energy by 2025."

Amazon founder and former chief executive Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.

In 2019, the Amazon Employees for Climate Justice group organized a similar action, demanding that Amazon release its carbon emissions data. Not long after, Amazon publicly committed to goals regarding renewable energy and net-zero carbon emissions known as the Climate Pledge.

But now, some Amazon employees say the company seems to be straying from those commitments. Last week, the company quietly removed language from its website that promised to get carbon emissions for half of its shipments to net zero by 2030, Reveal first reported. The news, which broke after plans for the walkout had been announced, helped spur enthusiasm for participating among employees.

To encourage colleagues to sign up for the walkout, participants sent Slack messages and emails.

"Amazon is actively accelerating this crisis on our watch, through our work, and each one of us have the opportunity and responsibility to do something about it," read one email that employees said was widely distributed internally.

"We need to have a different Amazon," read another employee email. "One that doesn't merely slowly swap gas vans for their EV versions, but one that actually centers business decisions around sustainability. Very soon, building our operations to rely on the Prime Air air freight system, where there is no carbon-zero version, is going to seem pretty foolish."

Amazon has said the company deleted the Shipment Zero goal because it was superseded by the Climate Pledge, which addresses Amazon's whole business rather than specifically shipping.

But the Seattle-based employee said his colleagues have been using whiteboards inside company elevators to air their frustration about Amazon's decision to delete the Shipment Zero goal without communicating it to employees. He said he's concerned the change means the company won't hit its 2040 goal.

"I'm in a lot of these meetings where sustainability is brought up, and I know it's never a true priority. It's always about profit over sustainability," the employee said. "The trajectory doesn't seem to change. I think we're going to end up in 2040 at the same place we are right now."

Many employees who participated in the walkout were frustrated when Amazon rejected a petition written by employees asking the company to reverse its return-to-office mandate.

"I cannot believe that a company in this day and age that claims to be an innovative leader in its space would do that to one of its most precious resources, its employees," a walkout organizer named Pamela said at the walkout rally on Wednesday.

Pamela previously started a Slack channel to discuss return-to-office issues that has more than 33,000 members, which she called "the largest expression of employee dissatisfaction in company history."



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Amazon employees gather for a rally Wednesday during a walkout near the company's headquarters in Seattle.

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FINANCE

FDIC reports decline in bank deposits

U.S. banks saw total deposits decline by a record 2.5 percent in the first quarter of 2023, and industry-wide profits were relatively flat after taking into account the effects of two large bank failures, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation said Wednesday.

The FDIC said the $472 billion in deposit outflows in the first quarter was the largest it had recorded since it began collecting such data in 1984. The decline was primarily from uninsured funds, as insured deposits actually rose $255.1 billion, or 2.5 percent, amid the failures of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank. The decline in deposits was offset by increased wholesale funding, which rose 14.4 percent in the first quarter.

Wednesday's report marks the most comprehensive view of the banking industry's health since those two failures helped set off wider turmoil across the sector, including the May seizure of First Republic Bank.

FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg said that while the industry remains "resilient," the fuller impact of the turmoil may not be seen until the agency reports its second quarter results. He also noted that the sector continues to face other risks stemming from inflation, rising rates and economic pressure, particularly in areas like commercial real estate.

The FDIC said bank profits were technically up 16.9 percent to $79.8 billion in the first quarter of the year, but profit levels were effectively flat after taking into consideration the accounting impact of the acquisition of those two failed firms.

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MINING

U.S. sues Justice family coal companies

The U.S. Justice Department has sued West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice's coal empire over allegations that it did not pay around $7.6 million in environmental fines from mining violations.

The civil action, filed on Tuesday against the Republican governor's son and 13 coal companies he owns or operates, seeks to hold them "accountable for jeopardizing the health and safety of the public and our environment," the department said in a statement on Wednesday.

The fines follow an assessment by the Interior Department's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, according to the statement. The companies had violated federal law more than 130 times from 2018 to 2022, it said.

Justice declined to comment on the lawsuit during a news conference, saying the coal companies were run by his son, Jay. But he said his son and the companies "will always fulfill obligations, every one."

Reuters could not reach the governor's son for comment.

Justice, a coal-mining billionaire, is running for the 2024 Republican nomination to challenge Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin III. He has served as West Virginia governor since 2017.

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ALSO IN BUSINESS

ExxonMobil shareholders on Wednesday overwhelmingly supported the company's views on climate reports and strategies, rejecting proposals for a report on methane, greenhouse gas reporting and oil-spill preparations by a wide margin. None of the initiative proposals received more than 36 percent of votes cast, according to early results at the online shareholder meeting. Several of the proposals won only low-double-digit support. Results showed a lessening of support for proposals designed to strengthen oil and gas firms' contributions to tackling climate change.

A union is asking 15,000 workers at hotels in Los Angeles and Orange counties to authorize a strike during the height of tourist season. Unite Here Local 11 said contracts are expiring June 30 at 62 Southern California hotels, including luxury stays such as the Westin Bonaventure in downtown Los Angeles, the Fairmont Miramar in Santa Monica and the Beverly Wilshire in Beverly Hills. Union officials say they are asking for the strike authorization vote on June 8 to jump-start sluggish negotiations and convince hotel operators to seriously consider pay increases for their workers.

Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) said it was recalling nearly 6,400 I-PACE vehicles in the United States due to fire risks because the high-voltage electric vehicle battery may overheat. JLR, which is owned by India's Tata Motors, on Wednesday said the battery energy control module software will be updated and battery modules will be replaced as necessary in certain 2019-2024 model year vehicles. JLR said its engineering team has not determined whether the battery pack assembly is defective or a cause of reported thermal overload conditions, but out of an abundance of caution decided to recall the vehicles. The automaker has reports of eight U.S. vehicle fires but no accidents or injuries.

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Debt ceiling deal passes House, needs quick Senate action

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House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) speaks to reporters Wednesday on Capitol Hill. Negotiations over the debt ceiling have been a tall test of his leadership.

stamps and family welfare benefits. Far-right Republicans also slammed the agreement for not securing more aggressive spending cuts. And some GOP members cast doubt on McCarthy's fitness to lead, underscoring the fractures within the party since McCarthy won the speakership earlier this year after 15 rounds of voting and multiple concessions.

"Washington's spending addiction is both irresponsible and just wrong," McCarthy said as the House neared a vote. "So let's stop it. I'll be honest, tonight's bill doesn't stop it. But for the first time, we begin to turn the ship. This shouldn't be our last."

The debt ceiling caps the amount the U.S. government can borrow. The current level is $31.4 trillion, and the Treasury Department has been using what it calls "extraordinary measures" since January to shuffle money around in the federal budget to avoid needing to take on more debt. The deal would suspend the limit until Jan. 2, 2025. The Congressional Budget Office says the proposal will reduce the deficit by $1.5 trillion over the next 10 years.

Negotiators from both parties claimed victory.

"We have hit our credit card limit as a nation," said Rep. Garret Graves (La.), a key representative for the GOP in talks with the White House. "We don't have the ability to pay the monthly payment. And so we're in a quandary. We've got to figure out how we're going to raise that credit card limit. And just like you would do with your own family, you would have a conversation, Mr. Speaker, with your child, and you would say, 'Hey, how did you get yourself in this situation? We've got to fix it.'"

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) said Biden and his party had rescued the economy from GOP threats to tank it over spending.

"President Biden understood, despite the hostage-taking situation that you unnecessarily thrust the country into, that we had an obligation, a responsibility, to avoid a catastrophic default," Jeffries said. "That's exactly what President Biden and Democrats have been able to do."

Biden hailed the vote in a statement late Wednesday.

"This budget agreement is a bipartisan compromise. Neither side got everything it wanted," he said. "I have been clear that the only path forward is a bipartisan compromise that can earn the support of both parties. This agreement meets that test."

The bill got the support of "a majority of the majority" in the final House vote, satisfying an informal Republican guideline against passing legislation mostly on the strength of Democratic support.

Timing for the Senate to act is unclear. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) has said lawmakers may need to be in Washington through the weekend to get the legislation passed before Monday, when the Treasury Department has warned that the United States will no longer be able to pay all of its bills.

Speaking on the Senate floor Wednesday morning, Schumer said there was "no margin for error" on passage: "Any needless delay, any last-minute brinkmanship at this point would be an unacceptable risk."

A bipartisan 241-187 afternoon vote in the House for the rule allowing Wednesday night's action was unusual, because the minority party almost never supports such measures. Because Republicans didn't have 218 of their own members to approve the rule, Democrats worked to provide enough of their own to keep the bill moving along.

A small group of chosen House Democrats discussed via text messages throughout the day whether it was worth voting for the rule, concluding that they would do so if leadership gave them a signal, according to two people familiar with the coordination efforts. When Rep. Mike D. Rogers (R-Ala.), who was presiding over the vote, asked whether all lawmakers had voted, Jeffries flashed a green card to dozens of Democrats waiting in the well of the chamber, who immediately voted yes.

"House Democrats are going to make sure the country doesn't default. Period. Full stop," Jeffries told reporters after a party caucus meeting.

Democrats stressed that their support for the initial parliamentary vote would not come without a price. In exchange, the Democratic leader will win a private pledge for concessions from McCarthy on legislation considered this summer or fall.

McCarthy's office did not respond to a request for comment. But when asked by reporters Wednesday whether he would need to cut a deal to have Democrats vote for the rule, McCarthy responded, "No, no."

The House speaker was cheerful on the floor during the vote, shaking hands and smiling through small talk as his colleagues continued to back the debt deal he and key negotiators struck. There was a little celebration when McCarthy reached the "majority of the majority" threshold. But the mood changed to concern as he and other leaders kept watching a computer tallying the vote on the floor, which showed that more Democrats were voting for the bill than Republicans.

When the vote was finally called, Graves found his partner throughout the negotiations, Rep. Patrick T. McHenry (N.C.), and dramatically knelt down to give him a high-five before hugging him.

On the Democratic side, Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) walked up to Jeffries, her successor as top Democrat, and briefly spoke to him on her way out of the chamber before proudly patting him on the chest. Both emerged from their quick interaction with a smile.

On the left, liberal members of Congress were dismayed that the deal imposes new work requirements for certain federal programs and irritated that Biden had to negotiate with McCarthy at all over the debt ceiling, the legal cap on how much the government can borrow.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) said Wednesday morning, "We need to do multiple things at the same time: Prevent default and send the message that holding the U.S. economy hostage is not acceptable," adding that she would oppose the legislation. "I think we can send that message as a party today, that Kevin McCarthy needs to put up his votes. And if he needs mine, he can come get it, and he can come negotiate some things away."

But the centrist, bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus endorsed the measure. "In divided government, you have to actually work together to find a solution that can make it across the finish line," Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-N.J.), a co-chair of the group, said in a statement.

Meanwhile, though some members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus spoke out against the bill, other Democrats found some victories inside the complex measure worthy of support.

"There's some good, there's some bad and some ugly," Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-Calif.) said while leaving a meeting with White House officials Wednesday. Ruiz, the main author of the House version of the Pact Act, which was designed to boost health-care resources for veterans who were exposed to toxic burn pits on deployment, said the permanent funding stream created by the bill would solidify his legislation for years to come.

Ruiz also said that while the work requirements would hurt some Americans, overall more people would receive food stamps under the expanded eligibility in this bill.

Asked what the overall mood of the caucus was, Ruiz said: "Relieved."

The Senate spent Wednesday working to be ready to debate the bill as soon as the House passed it. Several members in both parties want the chamber to consider amendments, but leaders said they don't expect any to be adopted.

The debt ceiling drama has exposed deep opposition toward McCarthy from some far-right Republicans, including those who say he is not fit to be speaker.

After the vote, Rep. Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.), a far-right lawmaker who has expressed concerns about McCarthy's leadership, was dismayed that more Democrats voted for the bill than Republicans.

"We were told they'd never put a bill on the floor that would take more Democrats than ours to pass," Biggs said.

But McCarthy pointed to the overwhelming support from GOP members in response: "I said I'd get two-thirds. What's two-thirds of our conference?"

The measure had first passed a procedural test Tuesday, when the House Rules Committee cleared the way for the bipartisan deal to come before the full chamber. Initially, attention was fixed on a handful of far-right committee members who could have thwarted the bill's future by voting against it there. But by Tuesday evening, Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), a libertarian-minded conservative who sometimes sides with the Freedom Caucus, indicated he would vote to move the measure forward, giving Republicans enough support to adopt the rule and handing a win to GOP leadership.

The deal would suspend the debt ceiling for two years and allow the government to pay its bills without a hitch if signed into law before Monday. In a concession to Republicans, the plan would limit domestic spending for two years and impose some new work requirements for certain individuals receiving food stamps and those in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. It also would pare back roughly $20 billion of the $80 billion approved last year for an expansion of the IRS.

Democrats, meanwhile, are touting the fact that White House negotiators did not give in to Republican demands for steep cuts on domestic spending. The deal would also suspend the debt ceiling beyond the 2024 election.

Leigh Ann Caldwell, Camila DeChalus and Marianne LeVine contributed to this report.

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THURSDAY OPINION

At Harvard, Hanks delivers an act of grace

BY NANCY GIBBS

This is a fan letter.

Commencement speeches are trampolines, elevating and entertaining with just enough risk to keep things interesting. So many ways to go wrong — faux erudition from civilians, faux folksiness from scholars, a trap for try-hards who would be crushed to know how few graduates remember a word that was said on graduation day. And usually, that's no great loss.

But long after I forget what was said, I will remember what was done in a case I got to watch up close, a master class in *class* and wisdom about the moment we find ourselves in. When Tom Hanks, beloved actor, occasional author, typewriter aficionado and Most Trusted Person in America, spoke at Harvard's 372nd commencement, he gave a performance in which the unscripted layers surpassed the careful text. And I'm betting those layers left a deeper mark on the more than 9,000 graduating students plus parents and friends who spread out across the quad to watch the show.

Spotlights brighten, spotlights burn, and people such as Hanks who seldom escape the beam are either strengthened or scarred. For a celebrity who has walked many a red carpet, the traditional commencement procession through Harvard Yard was just one more stroll, though, as is often the case with the movie stars you are used to seeing on huge screens, Hanks seemed almost small in the priestly red robe and goofy cap — small and strangely unprotected. No phalanx of guards, no barricades keeping the cameras contained, just a joyous, disorderly procession down a winding path lined with very noisy seniors held back by nothing but restraint or respect.

Had he stopped for every selfie request, we'd still be parading in 2027. But neither could he just march in a stately manner, eyes forward, tassel bobbing, as students screamed, "Tom Hanks!" "We love you!" "Run, Forrest, Run!" and chanted and teased and bounced and roared. And so, just often enough, he stopped for a fist bump, a question, where are you from, nice shades, what does that cord mean, teasing back, reaching out, then moving on beneath the gaze of a thousand arching phones.

The language of the academy is increasingly centered on who or what is centered — what voices, what values — and there wasn't the least doubt, on a day that also honored a Nobel Prize-winning chemist, a magisterial historian, a groundbreaking biochemist, a media pioneer and a four-star admiral, that Hanks was the center of attention. It takes an astute understanding of human physics to redirect all those energies and center the students. Over and over, he found ways to send the focus back to them, rising from his seat to kneel in awe before Latin orator Josiah Meadows, hugging Vic Hogg — who recounted a harrowing recovery from gunshot wounds suffered during a carjacking — grace notes and gestures aimed at the musicians and speakers whose names he wove into his own remarks and at the parents whose pride pulsed across the sea of caps and gowns.

Our public square suffers from an acute shortage of such acts of grace. Leaders find power and profit in crassness and cruelty, and signal that virtue is for suckers. It's a cliché that Tom Hanks is "the nicest guy in Hollywood," that he and his wife of 35 years, Rita Wilson, somehow manage to represent decency at a time when the country is so divided we can't even agree on who is worth admiring. On a brisk spring day, watching the radioactive level of attention on him, and his ability to refract it into pure joy and shared humanity, was a healing energy in a sorry time. You can imagine that normalcy comes naturally to some people; but how often do people who are treated as being bigger, better, more special than everyone else resist the temptation to believe it?

And when it was time for Hanks to deliver his formal message, the script, while occasionally overwritten, rhymed with the mission. Flapping banners exalted the university motto, "Veritas," and Hanks took up the battle cry. "The truth, to some, is no longer empirical. It's no longer based on data nor common sense nor even common decency," he said. "Truth is now considered malleable by opinion and by zero-sum endgames. Imagery is manufactured with audacity and with purpose to achieve the primal task of marring the truth with mock logic, to achieve with fake expertise, with false sincerity, with phrases like 'I'm just saying. Well, I'm just asking. I'm just wondering.'"

The opposite of love is not hate, Elie Wiesel said, but indifference, and Hanks put the challenge before his audience of rising leaders and explorers, artists and environmentalists, teachers and technologists. "Every day, every year and for every graduating class, there is a choice to be made. It's the same option for all grown-ups, who have to decide to be one of three types of Americans," Hanks said. "Those who embrace liberty and freedom for all, those who won't, or those who are indifferent." Bracing as the words were, the actions spoke louder. For those of us in the truth business — which is to say, all of us — it was an actor who never finished college who set a standard we can work to live up to.

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Actor Tom Hanks spoke to graduates at Harvard University's commencement on May 25.



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Former vice president Mike Pence waits to be introduced during a book-tour stop in Miami in January.

DAVID BYLER

Move over, evangelicals. Non-churchgoers now rule the GOP.

The religious right might be flexing its muscles as it pushes to restrict abortions and ban gender-affirming surgery for minors in many states. But when it comes to strength in the Republican Party these days, the real brawn can be often found elsewhere: among the less religious.

This isn't to say that Republicans are giving up on faith. Nine in 10 Republicans say they believe in God, and 87 percent say the Bible is either the literal or "inspired" word of God. But as the country as a whole becomes less religiously active, so, too, has the GOP.

The non-practicing bloc of the party has grown ever-more powerful — silently driving much of the GOP's agenda and forcing it to adopt a more populist bent.

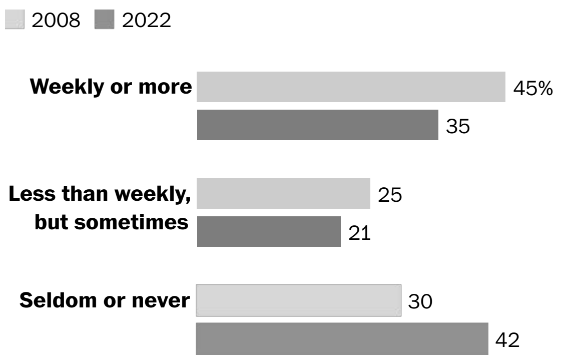
Non-churchgoers played a central role in pulling the GOP toward Donald Trump and his brand of populism over the past six years. In the early years of the Trump administration, they were the most likely to support his hard line on immigration.

Like Trump, they were skeptical of the GOP's economic orthodoxy.

This explains why they saw Trump as an ideological ally. On a seven-point scale running from "very liberal" to "very conservative," the average non-churchgoing Republican placed both themselves and Trump in the "somewhat conservative" camp. Weekly church attendees, by contrast, saw a larger gap between Trump's ideology and their own.

As Trump's first term wore on, these non-attendees remade the GOP in their own image. By 2022, weekly churchgoers largely shifted their views on many issues to match those of their less religiously active peers. For instance, 85 percent said they wanted $25 billion in new border spending, including a wall on the border with Mexico. Republicans

Republican church attendance levels



Source: CCES 2008/CES 2022

almost unanimously approved of Trump's economic policies — a mix of traditional GOP tax cuts and populist trade deals favoring U.S. manufacturers.

Weekly church attendees pushed Trump right on some issues, such as abortion. But Trump shifted their entire worldview, convincing them that his populism was true conservatism. Soon, they saw a thrice-married adulterer who routinely defied GOP orthodoxy as one of their own.

Of course, less religious voters haven't won every dispute within the GOP. On abortion, the most faithful voters run the show, even though they're much more likely to support total bans than non-churchgoing Republicans.

Perhaps this helps explain — at least in part — why many less religious voters came to view Trump, who embraced the antiabortion cause while in office, as significantly more conservative than when he was first elected.

Non-churchgoing voters don't want their party to go too far on abortion, and Republican leaders would be wise to listen to them. Strict abortion bans are radioactive outside the most devout corners of the Republican Party, which is partly why congressional Republicans lost so many close races in the 2022 midterms.

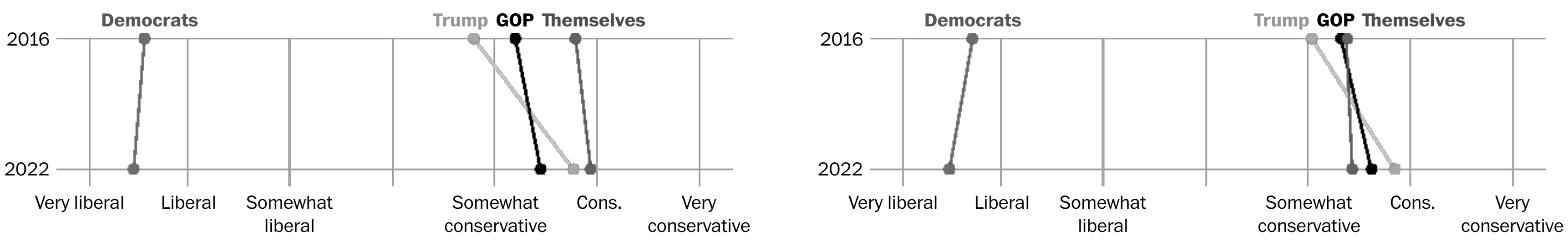
Non-churchgoing Republicans could help the party in other respects as well. They have shown a greater capacity for reflection than many of their partisan peers. Most voters struggle to view their own leaders clearly, but less religious voters accurately tracked Trump's shift from an iconoclastic populist outsider to someone who is willing to support typical Republican policies. The GOP could benefit from more of that clarity.

Less religious Republicans have also shown they can introduce new issues to a sclerotic party. They're pushing back against outmoded libertarian economic ideas. And the ugly, secular culture wars they've pushed — such as the border wall — arguably helped put Trump in the White House.

Expect more changes like this in the GOP if non-churchgoers continue to gain power. Candidates who are nominally religious but deeply populist — in the mold of Trump's 2016 candidacy — will become more common. Meanwhile, traditional White evangelicals such as former vice president Mike Pence won't go extinct, but their power will wane.

A new Republican Party might emerge — thick with Christian symbolism, light on religious practice and ecumenical in its culture wars. This Republican Party would be less pious and polite. But it might be able to win more elections.

Where Republicans placed themselves, Trump and the major parties on an ideological scale



Note: Locations are determined by translating ideology to a seven-point scale and averaging across poll respondents.
Source: CCES 2016, CES 2022, author calculations.

DUNCAN MAVIN

How to fix the global audit industry? Get rid of it.

The big global auditors are never too far from a scandal. The latest example, emerging in Australia, highlights how these firms are riddled with conflicts of interest. The solution might be to do away with corporate audits altogether.

An auditor's report on a company's accounts should be a clean bill of health that investors can rely upon. Yet the history of corporate failures correlates with a history of audit failure, too. That was true when Enron collapsed in 2001, taking auditor Arthur Andersen with it. And it's true that as authorities pick through the wreckage of recent banking failures, they ask, "Where were the auditors?"

Now, in Australia, the industry faces another major blowup. There, a partner at auditor PricewaterhouseCoopers shared with colleagues top-secret information about a plan to crack down on corporate tax avoidance that he had obtained while working for the Australian government. PwC staffers used that knowledge to win new business, offering clients advice about the government's plan. Since the activities came to light, PwC has suspended nine of its partners. The Australian treasury department has referred the matter to federal police to consider criminal charges.

The affair underscores a key criticism leveled at the industry, especially the "Big Four" firms — Deloitte, KPMG, Ernst and Young, and PwC — that it's a business in which conflicts of interest are inherent. For starters, auditors are paid by the companies they're auditing. If they find a problem, they risk losing a client. There's plenty of incentive to look the other way.

The Big Four also run massive consulting arms, which generate billions of dollars in fees by providing advice to clients on technology, taxation, accounting and more. Often, audits are a loss-leader that firms use to secure more lucrative consulting contracts. At EY, a recent effort to split the business in two — ostensibly into an audit firm and a consulting one — failed in part because nobody wanted to be in the less profitable audit firm. EY's top brass recognize the conflict, but they simply can't wean themselves off it.

At this point, I should disclose: I'm a former auditor; I qualified as an accountant with Deloitte and a predecessor firm in Britain in the 1990s. My knowledge of the industry suggests it is staffed by people who are well-qualified, well-trained and mostly good corporate citizens. But the conflicts of interest inherent in the work of auditors are deeply entrenched — and very hard to overcome in the way the industry works. Scandals crop up with alarming regularity, yet auditors' behavior doesn't seem to change.

So what to do? Many alternatives have been discussed over the years. One is having the government or stock exchange employ its own inspectors, the same way that government inspectors certify the food or transportation sectors. This could work, in theory, but the concept probably hasn't gotten off the ground because it would require an enormous number of staff being added to government payrolls.

A similar suggestion is that stock exchanges or governments could hire the audit firms, so they would no longer be paid by the companies they assess. But how would governments decide which firm to hire? And would this really improve the quality of the auditors' work?

The solution I favor is to scrap the mandatory audit requirement altogether. Big, influential investors — pension funds and so on — could still demand their own auditors trawl through the books of companies they invest in. Some professional investors might even have to do more of their own due diligence!

This radical solution comes with some potential problems, of course. The most obvious is that absent mandated audits, corporations would get away with bad behavior. But isn't this happening anyway? Also, yes, more smaller investors — regular people — would be a little more in the dark. But history tells us they probably shouldn't rely too much on audits that are fundamentally flawed.

It's surely only a matter of time before cheap, available artificial intelligence can trawl through the accounts of any company whose stock you'd want to buy. A machine could do just as much digging as a 20-something CPA without any of the potential conflicts. Once this becomes a widely available option, surely it will be time to end the audit charade once and for all. In the meantime, doing away with audit requirements would be a step in the right direction.

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Want to cut federal spending? Go where the real money is.

The often-targeted discretionary funds also have areas that can be scaled back.

REPUBLICANS FREQUENTLY say the federal government has a "spending problem" because more money has left than arrived at the U.S. Treasury for the past 22 years. That kind of language muddies the truth. The nation is $31 trillion in debt largely because of tax cuts, wars, recessions and a pandemic. But going forward, it's different. The top expenses worsening the national debt in the years to come are the rising costs of Social Security, Medicare and interest. Unfortunately, President Biden and congressional leaders refuse even to discuss these key drivers. So politicians in search of savings turn again and again to the remaining 30 percent of the budget known as "discretionary spending." They do this even though this budget slice has grown modestly in the past decade (with the exception of a temporary spike during the covid-19 crisis) and is projected to decline in the coming years as a share of the economy.

Defense accounts for just less than half of discretionary spending. The other half, often referred to as "nondefense discretionary," funds about everything else: schools, roads, space exploration, energy, courts, public safety, veterans benefits and aid for the poor, among other areas.

Budget experts across the political spectrum make this point: There are savings to be had in the discretionary budget, but the nation won't fix its fiscal problems without raising additional revenue and addressing fast-growing budget items such as Social Security. We agree. This editorial is part of a series on how to stabilize the debt over the next decade. It began with ways to address entitlement programs because that's where the bulk of the change should occur. But it also makes sense to reexamine the discretionary budget to better prioritize it for America's future. New technologies such as artificial intelligence are revolutionizing work and education, and the nation's shifting demographics present different needs than in the past.

Below are examples of where lawmakers can begin to rethink nondefense discretionary spending priorities.

Corporate subsidies are an area of the nondefense discretionary budget that is ripe for scaling back, especially after the largest corporate tax cut in U.S. history in 2017 — and the fact that last year's corporate profit margins were the largest since 1950. This Editorial Board has already called out the excessive subsidies in the farm bill that overwhelmingly benefit the richest farmers. The nation also provides more than $10 billion a year to subsidize the fossil fuel industry through tax breaks and production aid. Enacting permitting reform, which would make it easier for new projects to get built, offers a better way to help all types of energy companies.

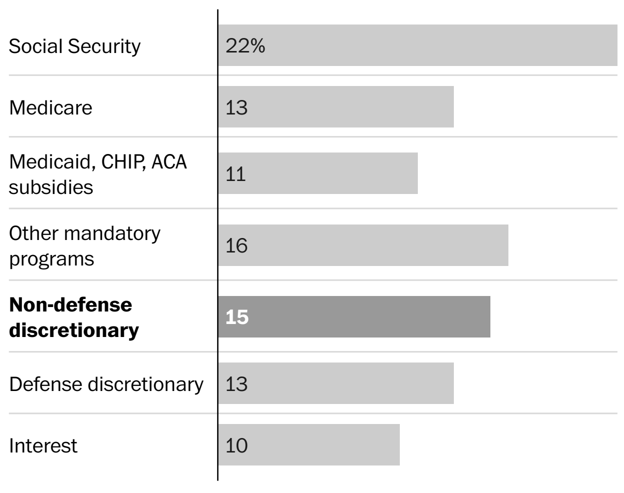
Health-care costs are another rapidly rising part of federal expenses. While this is mainly driven by Medicare and Medicaid, the discretionary budget covers veterans' health care, Medicare administrative costs, and organizations such as the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration. This Editorial Board has proposed (to much criticism) modest updates to veterans' disability payments. In past budget deals, NIH grant money for research has also been scaled back, but that has long-term impacts on U.S. innovation. On the mandatory spending side, it is worth revisiting the balance between federal and state funding for Medicaid. A small change, such as capping the administrative expenses the federal government pays, could be a fairer arrangement and generate nearly $70 billion in savings over the next decade.

Mr. Biden's push to forgive up to $20,000 of student loans for 40 million Americans would also be a costly mistake, with a total price of about $400 billion. The plan was not approved by Congress and it is currently halted while the Supreme Court decides whether it is legal.

In his final budget, for fiscal 2017, President Barack Obama suggested eliminating or reducing numerous initiatives that he said were "unnecessary" or "low priority." Examples include the Justice Department's payments to reimburse local law enforcement for detaining migrants, the Environmental Protection Agency's grants for water quality research, and various energy and economic impact grants at the Agriculture Department. That almost all of these programs still exist is a reminder of how difficult it is to ax programs from the federal budget.

Technology and the rise of working from home are shifting government services — and so much of society — in dramatic ways. The federal government is likely to sharply reduce its need for physical buildings going forward. That will entail selling real estate as well as giving up leases. Already, the General Services Administration rental budget is declining, and this could accelerate in the years to come.

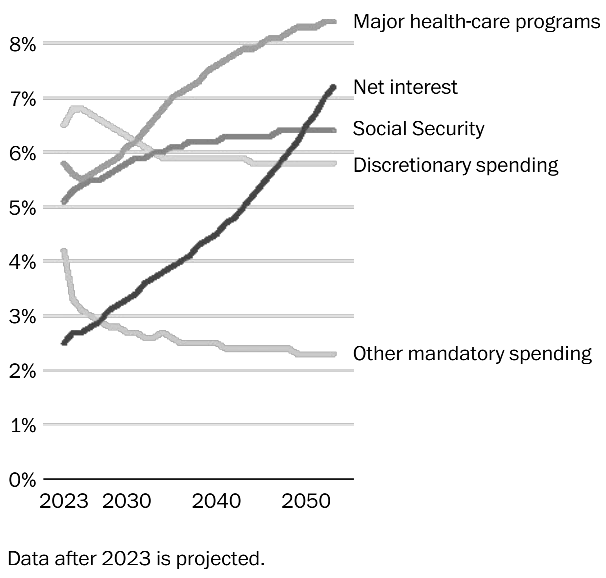
Federal spending in fiscal 2023



Source: Congressional Budget Office

Spending on Social Security, interest, Medicare and other health programs is expected to climb

Projected spending as a percentage of GDP.



Data after 2023 is projected.
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Similarly, it might be worthwhile to rethink organizations such as AmeriCorps, founded in 1993 to help connect Americans with volunteer opportunities around the country. Today the vast majority of people find jobs and volunteer positions on their phones. While AmeriCorps has done great work over the years and has a $1 billion budget, it is the type of area that might be better served differently going forward.

The savings outlined here are modest and will inevitably trigger outrage and pushback, which is why politicians rarely want to discuss specific parts of the budget they want to eliminate or reduce. Realistically, any freeze or cut in nondefense discretionary spending will entail less money for education and transportation since those are the two largest items after health-related spending. They are popular because they impact so many Americans and are viewed as investments for a strong future, especially in a world where global competition is rising. The Biden-McCarthy debt limit deal notably takes the approach of applying small cuts across most of the nondefense budget.

Moving forward, there are also clear areas where the nation should be spending more money. At the top of the list are fighting fentanyl distribution and addiction, and addressing mental health problems. Many are also calling for more aid to the unhoused and more resources to fight crime — challenges that nearly every community is facing.

Nondefense discretionary spending accounts for only about 15 percent of total federal expenses. Despite what many Republicans claim, costs are not out of control in this part of the budget, especially after many lean years in the 2010s when Mr. Obama and GOP lawmakers enacted tight spending caps. But the nation is changing rapidly. Our spending priorities should shift, too.

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A nation of diverse religions

Is the United States a "Christian nation," or is it a nation of diverse religions? Legislation in Texas directs that state to mix religion and state, a cause of great concern ["In Texas, lines between church, state are blurring," front page, May 24]. Our nation was largely settled by refugees from religious intolerance, and they brought to our shores hope that they could practice religion and worship in their own way. Catholics, Jews, Quakers, Unitarians and "nonconformist" (non-Anglican) Protestants each established their own communities, with their own religious freedoms.

In Maryland, the state constitution and subsequent legislation banned Jews from holding public office and required non-Christians to swear allegiance to Christian beliefs. In 1818, a "Jew Bill" was introduced in the Maryland legislature, granting political equality to Jews, but it failed to be ratified until 1826, with the ugliness of antisemitism emerging. A "Christian ticket" unseated many of the legislators who supported the "Jew Bill," all of them open-minded Christians. One legislative leader said, "There are few Jews in the United States. In Maryland there are very few. But if there was only one — to that one, we ought to do justice."

Today, the religious minorities have expanded, but the principle remains the same. Are we a Christian nation? Or are we a nation that believes in religious freedom and pluralism? Does the First Amendment still have meaning, ensuring that freedom of religious practice is a core American value? Clearly it must, as our history demonstrates.

Fred N. Reiner, *Chevy Chase*
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As to the issue of posting the Ten Commandments in public schools, perhaps a compromise could be reached by posting just one of them: "Thou shalt not kill."

Noel James Augustyn, *Chevy Chase*

Fighting the wrong fight

Since reading the May 26 front-page article "The short life of Baby Milo," I have been ruminating on why we need a constitutional right for individuals to make personal reproductive (i.e., health-care) decisions while a constitutional amendment safeguarding an individual's right to bear arms confounds public safety (and, by extension, health) concerns. This is a false dichotomy. Individual choice need not contravene public safety, and public safety need not unduly restrict individual choice — provided responsible guardrails are in place. We seem to have lost our way finding common ground on what is "responsible." Various polls indicate most U.S. adults believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases and gun owners broadly support common-sense gun provisions.

In her Dec. 12 op-ed, "How can we stop moving from one wrong fight to another?," Amanda Ripley wrote, "We are not having the right fight, the one we most need to have as a country, because we are so preoccupied with what [More in Common's] report calls 'imagined enemies.'"

On all matters that divide us, we need to work together to agree to disagree and still find common ground and solutions.

Marian Klymkowsky, *Arlington*

The magic of poems

Josie Glausiusz's wonderful May 25 Thursday Opinion essay, "Poems offered me an anchor as I lost my son, so I shared them," set me off on a journey of memories, from nursery rhymes read to me by my mother, memorizing "Jabberwocky" and the other poems of Lewis Carroll as a child, then reading to my own children and grandchildren and, in later years, writing poems myself.

A few snapshots are vivid: My husband read "Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam" to my son when he was 3 or 4, and though the meanings certainly were beyond him, he loved the sounds of the words. We had a student from Iran visiting us many years ago, and I recited some of the verses to him from Edward FitzGerald's English translation, and he recited the same verses to me in Farsi, and before long we were both crying. When I was driving my school-age grandchildren somewhere on a snowy day, I recited Robert Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," and they said, "Do it again." When I met my husband, I showed him a poem I had written about my father's death when I was 6, and he cried.

What is it about poetry that makes it so much more powerful than prose? I don't know, but thank heaven for a lifetime of reading and remembering. My life has been full of the joy of words. With Omar, I say: When you "reach the Spot where I made one — turn down an empty Glass!"

Maryanne Kendall, *Reston*

LIV Golf gets the brunt

Regarding Barry Svrluga's May 26 Sports column, "In this series, the money is dirty, and the golf simply doesn't matter":

No one denies Saudi Arabia's horrific human rights record or the barbaric murder of Post contributing columnist Jamal Khashoggi, but why is this vitriol repeatedly and seemingly solely focused on the LIV Golf tour? Saudi Arabia has been one of the United States' staunchest Middle Eastern allies across numerous administrations, and we supply it with some of our best military hardware. President Biden gave the Saudi crown prince a public fist bump last year. Obviously, politically we often look the other way. We essentially give the Saudis a pass. But when we talk about the LIV tour, it's all about dirty blood money and how horrible these golfers are who left the PGA Tour.

Of course, since these defections occurred, we've discovered that the PGA has been underpaying its players for years. Virtually overnight, purses have increased dramatically. Even those who historically would have missed the cut will get paid. Perhaps if the PGA, which was in a noncompetitive environment, had treated its own more equitably, the LIV tour would never have come to fruition.

Dick Moore, *Darnestown*

Hold Russia accountable

Regarding the May 22 news article "Zelensky mourns Bakhmut carnage":

The destruction of the Ukrainian city of Bakhmut raises again the urgency of holding Russia to account for all of its war crimes, including the obliteration of Ukraine's cultural infrastructure — museums, libraries, theaters and heritage sites.

Satellite images show homes, schools, shops and a red-roofed theater among the flattened buildings. Though other war crimes have been in the spotlight, the assault on Ukraine's culture has received less attention. In a recent update, UNESCO confirmed the scale of the ongoing cultural destruction in Ukraine, listing more than 200 cultural sites that have been damaged or destroyed. The obliteration of cultural infrastructure and the ongoing attacks are war crimes — and clear violations of the cultural rights of Ukrainians. This destruction will undermine the key role that culture plays in healing and restoring Ukraine when the war ends. The international community must take a comprehensive approach to holding Russia to account.

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The real manhood crisis

American men are in crisis, as many an American man with a media platform will tell you. They aren't working hard enough; they're hypnotized by video games and online porn; and most of all, they just don't know how to be men anymore in this confusing world. "No menace to this nation is greater than the collapse of American manhood," writes Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) in his new book, "Manhood: The Masculine Virtues America Needs."

Like most of the crisis-of-masculinity-mongers, Hawley has little in the way of practical recommendations to fix this supposed problem. But if American men are really overcome by such anxiety, here's a solution: *Stop listening to conservatives telling you that masculinity is in crisis.*

The manliest thing one can do might be to stop caring about masculinity altogether. That's not to deny that men face some genuine problems, especially when it comes to educational achievement — even as they still dominate almost every facet of public life, from politics to religion to business.

But when Tucker Carlson suggests you tan your testicles to boost your testosterone, he isn't just worried about rates of admission at medical schools. Instead, it's the *feeling* of anxiety among men that he and others are playing to.

As much as this anxiety is described as a response to rapidly changing ideas about gender, it's decades, if not centuries, old. In fact, it is often built into manhood itself.

In many societies, one can find the belief that girls become women almost inevitably through the process of physical maturation, while a boy's passage to manhood must be *earned* through the completion of some kind of ritual, often involving the demonstration of physical courage or the ability to endure pain. Even in societies such as ours in which those rituals are no longer formalized, the idea that manhood is an earned status persists. And if it has to be earned, it can be lost.

Manhood requires public performance, and it has to be performed repeatedly, because it's so fragile.

Your manhood can be taken from you in many ways: by a romantic rival, by another man besting you in a physical altercation or even by an economic setback. But if a woman's husband cheats on her, no one says, "She isn't a woman anymore." Women might wake up every day anxious about many things, but being robbed of their womanhood is seldom among them.

The result of men's anxiety is what has been termed "precarious manhood." Studies suggest not only that people perceive manhood as easily lost but also that when it is lost, it's because *other people* no longer view that man as a man. Perceptions of manhood are intensely social.

Conservatives claim that men are being bombarded with messages delegitimizing masculinity. Such messages do exist, but "traditional" masculinity is still everywhere in popular culture. TV and movie screens are still full of hunky leading men who solve problems through violence.

And if the "manly virtues" include strength and stoicism, it's hard to see them in the collection of hysterical whiners who make up today's right. What exactly is "masculine" about finding a transgender influencer promoting Bud Light on Instagram so threatening that you have to respond with a public display of violence against beer cans?

In fact, that response — which included Kid Rock shooting beer cans — was predictable, too. As one study noted, "physically aggressive displays are part of men's cultural script for restoring threatened gender status." Recent history shows that even *seeing* someone else challenging gender norms can make some men so threatened that they have to show everyone that they're still men — often through the performance of violence.

While that impulse is not new, today's right reinforces it at ear-splitting volume, greeting every new challenge to gender norms with the message that you should be angry and afraid about it. Those stories are accompanied by the insistence that we are experiencing a crisis of manhood. Ordinary young men feeling the alienation everyone experiences at some point in their lives are encouraged to understand it as a product of the supposed attack on manhood.

But deciding that your personal problems derive from a crisis of manhood will only make it worse. As one group of social psychologists wrote 15 years ago, "Because of the precarious nature of manhood, anything that makes salient its precariousness, or calls one's manhood status into question, should be especially anxiety provoking."

Like reading Hawley's book. Or watching Fox News.

So how can men free themselves from the anxiety elite Republicans want them to feel? Stop worrying about whether you're properly expressing manly virtues or whether other men are judging you. Don't listen to the people who want you to be constantly terrified about the prospect of losing your manhood. Nothing is less manly than that. You want to be a man? Stop worrying about whether you're man enough.

In the words of a song beloved by little girls everywhere: Let it go.



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Kitana Truong and others protest anti-Asian hate in Atlanta in 2001.

Asian Americans have been overlooked. That can change.

BY ELAINE CHAO

I was 8 years old when I immigrated to the United States. My father had arrived in America three years earlier, leaving behind his pregnant wife and two daughters. My mother, my two sisters and I traveled from Taiwan on a cargo ship because it was all my father could afford.

The early years were difficult. We didn't speak English, and we were overwhelmed by the new world we found ourselves living in. But with love, faith and hard work, my parents turned their one-bedroom Queens apartment into a loving home for their daughters and enabled us to access the opportunities in this country.

Our immigrant story — a distinctly American one — mirrors that of millions of other families who have made immense sacrifices to come to this country in search of a better life.

How many are aware that Asian Americans fought for our independence in the Revolutionary War and sacrificed their lives during the U.S. Civil War? How many know about the thousands of Chinese immigrants who labored to construct the transcontinental railroad? And how many appreciate the patriotism of Japanese Americans who fought courageously to defeat the Nazis in World War II, despite their families being interned stateside? Our story is inextricably linked to America's story.

Yet our history is too often overlooked, our contributions to this nation are sometimes forgotten, and our right to be here is too often questioned. Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) history is American history. And it is time for it to be recognized as such. That's why I am advocating for a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture on the National Mall — a place where our contributions can be displayed alongside other monuments to the story of our country.

There are about 24 million Asian Americans living in the United States today, about 7 percent of the national population. We contribute to every aspect of American life. Public servants such as Jonny Kim — who previously served as a Navy SEAL and earned an MD from Harvard Medical School — will help lead the United States back to the moon as part of NASA's Artemis project. Business leaders such as Advanced Micro Devices CEO Lisa Su, Google CEO Sundar Pichai and Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang oversee companies that are developing the breakthrough technologies of tomorrow. Entrepreneurs such as Zoom CEO Eric Yuan and DoorDash CEO Tony Xu are creating products and companies that continue to revolutionize the way we work and live. Meanwhile, even Hollywood is starting to open its doors to Asian American actors, actresses and directors after decades of disgraceful discrimination and lack of opportunity.

Yet, unfortunately, the events of the past few years have cast a disconcerting shadow over our community. The pandemic hit everyone hard, but Asian Americans were especially vulnerable, as many are small-business owners who were forced to shutter their operations. In addition, reports that the coronavirus originated in China and the rising tensions in U.S.-China relations raised fears within the Asian American community. There has been a litany of news stories about Asians and Asian Americans — women especially — being harassed, spat upon, threatened and even killed over little more than their ethnicity.

The vitriol directed at the AANHPI community is so unsettling that Asian Americans have privately expressed fears that internment camps might be set up in the United States once again. As far-fetched as this might sound to many *outside* the AANHPI community, let me assure you, this fear is real to them.

The level of hatred is unacceptable, and many are choosing to fight back by establishing an array of nonprofit organizations to help protect and advocate for our community. Five Asian American fashion icons banded together to form the House of Slay to fight anti-AANHPI violence. I applaud these efforts. Now it is time for the country to do its part by creating an AANHPI Heritage museum on the National Mall.

Some might question why a museum is needed for Asian Americans specifically. I would answer that Asian Americans were once targeted with legislation banning them from becoming American citizens. Even though this legislation has long since been repealed, the lingering aftereffects of this discrimination can still be felt.

A National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture would go a long way to not only educate and enlighten but also reduce fear and bring us together — something that is very much needed today.

The writer was the first Asian American woman to be appointed to a president's Cabinet. She served as U.S. labor secretary and U.S. transportation secretary.

MEGAN MCARDLE

Self-driving cars will make roads safer. But not until humans bow out.

Some years ago, a journalist named Ryan Avent bet that his newborn daughter would never need to get a driver's license because self-driving cars would be available before she reached her 16th birthday. While that bet still has a few years to run, it's safe to say he lost. Come 2026, when his daughter turns 16, if she wants to move freely outside a few test zones and a handful of dense, walkable urban areas, she'll need to learn to pilot a car.

Of course, automakers have made remarkable progress. Last October, I rode one of Waymo's self-driving cars around Chandler, Ariz., and found the experience almost disappointingly uneventful. The service is also available in San Francisco, and last week the company announced it would be teaming up with Uber in the Phoenix area to provide rides and deliver food. None of this was possible in 2010, when Avent made his bet.

Yet the disappointments have been considerable, including some fatalities. Multiple companies either shut down or delayed autonomous driving projects after running into hurdles. All innovations involve a lot of failure, of course, but one still has to wonder why this particular one is taking so long and causing so many casualties.

Among the many answers, one of the most important is what can be called the either/both problem: The self-driving future will probably be superior to the human-operated present, which every year kills tens of thousands of people and wastes hundreds of person-hours per driver. But even an all-human system might be preferable to a mixed environment in which sometimes the cars are driving and sometimes the humans are.

This problem exists at both the micro and the macro levels. Inside the car, partial automation is worse than either full automation or none, because it requires the driver to stare at the road, hands on the wheel, ready to take over in an emergency. Unsurprisingly, watchdogs routinely chide drivers of semiautonomous vehicles for failing this responsibility — getting distracted or playing with their phones, allegedly sometimes even when they're getting paid to keep their eyes on the road.

It will be a major challenge to keep drivers paying attention while the technology crosses the godawful gap between manual and fully autonomous operation. And that problem stands to get worse before it gets fixed, because as the cars improve, the drivers' temptation to let their attention wander will keep growing. At the same time, their driving skills will begin to atrophy since they're so rarely actually driving.

We could conceivably train drivers for emergencies on simulators, like pilots. But it's hard to imagine getting ordinary drivers to log more time driving virtually if they also have to spend so many mind-numbing hours behind the wheel pretending to drive.

Meanwhile, a larger variant of the either/both problem will arise: Roads carrying both computer and human drivers might well be worse than those with all one or all the other. Self-driving cars have many advantages over human drivers: They never get tired or drunk or distracted. But they are also really bad at a lot of things we do easily, including predicting what pedestrians or other human drivers are likely to do. This is pretty fundamental to many basic driving tasks, such as turning left across traffic — something that self-driving cars still struggle with.

It's easy enough to imagine a fully automated world in which everything — from signs to road design to the cars' autonomous algorithms — are optimized for computer drivers. This world will undoubtedly be safer than the current one, and ideally, future generations will view traffic fatalities the way we view cholera: as a quaint abomination. But first, humans and computers will have to share the roads without always understanding what the other is doing.

Even if self-driving cars are safer than their human counterparts — as they might well be — their oddities stand out. Notice that the few known fatalities involving autonomous driving systems often become national news, while legions of horrific drunken-driving incidents remain local stories. As more self-driving vehicles take to the roads, capable of greater autonomy, expect this disparity to widen. At some point, people might start asking whether it's worth the cost to push through the messy middle.

The answer is a resounding yes. Too many hours, and lives, are currently lost getting ourselves from one place to another. If we want to reach a time when we're able to reclaim them, however, we'll need to prepare for some expected turbulence en route.

GEORGE F. WILL

SCOTUS votes for clarity from Congress

"Jarndyce and Jarndyce drones on."
— From "Bleak House," by Charles Dickens

Dickens imagined the probate case Jarndyce and Jarndyce that has become synonymous with interminable and futile court proceedings: The entire estate at issue was consumed by litigating about it. Last week, the Supreme Court ended a case that was Jarndycean in length but not in futility. The nation will be better governed because Michael and Chantell Sackett began resisting the Environmental Protection Agency *16 years ago*.

In 2004, planning to build a house, they bought, in an established subdivision, a parcel of land 300 feet — think of a football field — from Priest Lake in Idaho, with a row of houses between their land and the lake. Preparing for construction in 2007, they added gravel and sand to the land. The EPA, citing a subsurface flow of moisture and a nearby ditch that drains into a stream that flows into the lake, ordered them to stop and restore the land to its original condition. The EPA was wielding the Clean Water Act, which regulates "navigable waters."

In 2012, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously for the Sacketts and against the EPA's contention that its compliance orders are not subject to judicial review. Last week, the court ended the Sacketts' saga, holding that the EPA could not regulate their land as navigable water.

This was the second time in 11 months that EPA overreaching provoked the Supreme Court to strengthen the rule of law. Last June, the court ruled that when the Clean Air Act empowered the EPA to implement the "best system of emission reduction" from electricity generation, Congress did not with one syllable ("best") unleash the EPA to decree a multibillion-dollar redesign of the nation's entire power-generating industry, forcing a shift from coal.

The court held that if Congress intended this, it should have clearly said so. Regarding "major questions" — matters with immense economic and political consequences — the legislature must legislate rather than leave substantive lawmaking to executive agencies.

In the Sacketts' case, the judicial branch again reproved the executive branch's discretion-as-lawmaking, and reminded the legislative branch that agencies' unwarranted power fills spaces created by inexplicit ("best") legislative language. Doing so, the court buttressed the rule of law: Law must give adequate notice of what behavior is required or proscribed.

Last year, the New York Times warned that inhibiting the EPA's sovereignty over electric power generation would reduce "the federal government's authority" to regulate harmful emissions. Wrong. Congress is (this fact frequently distresses progressives) part of the government, and can explicitly authorize the EPA to do what the Clean Air Act does not clearly do.

After last week's Sackett decision, the Wall Street Journal's headline said: "Supreme Court Further Erodes EPA's Power," and The Post's headline said, "Supreme Court weakens EPA power to enforce Clean Water Act." More precisely, the court curtailed the EPA's illegitimate exercise of a major power that Congress never explicitly conferred.

Progressives, who abhorred last June's and last week's decisions, currently denigrate the "imperial" Supreme Court. This is peculiar. In three decisions since the end of last June, the court has receded from making abortion policy and has notified the legislature that it must write laws with "exceedingly clear language" to relieve the court from making environmental policy by divining congressional intent that inexplicit congressional language leaves obscure.

The justices unanimously sided with the Sacketts but differed about the wetlands standard the EPA should adopt. And Justice Elena Kagan, remembering and regretting the court's reprimand of the EPA last June, deplored "the Court's appointment of itself as the national decision-maker on environmental policy." Actually, in last week's and last year's cases, the court merely asked Congress to make policy *clearly*.

The supposedly imperial court merely limited the EPA's freedom to define statutory language — "waters of the United States" — that Congress has left undefined, and that the EPA has defined to include even some land that is only intermittently damp. The court also opted for modesty by including in the category *waters* of the United States only what common usage would suggest: "streams, oceans, rivers, and lakes," or a *body* of water *permanently* connected to one of these, and "wetlands" having a "continuous surface connection" with such. This overturns an unhelpful 2006 court precedent that defined "wetlands" as moisture having a "significant nexus" to streams, oceans, etc.

Case by case, in cumulatively transformative increments, the court is reviving reasonable rules that should govern those who govern us.







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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: "Between Elon Musk coming in here and all the sand and gravel mines ... suddenly this bucolic, pastoral prime farmland is now more than a thousand acres of an industrial site," said organic farmer Skip Connett. The site for Boring, Musk's tunneling company, is still under construction in Bastrop County, Tex. Chap Ambrose is a computer programmer who works from home. Musk's companies moved in next door.

Backlash for Texas empire-building by Musk

MUSK FROM **A1**

environmental risks of the development. "I would say, I'm still a fan [of Elon], but I want him to do better here and be a good neighbor."

The backlash in Bastrop, a largely rural county 30 minutes east of Austin, shows the dust Musk is kicking up as he builds a new empire in Texas. His companies are spending billions of dollars on campuses across the state, from SpaceX's rocket launchpad on the Gulf of Mexico to a giant Tesla factory in Austin producing 5,000 Model Ys a week.

Last month, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) praised the billionaire as the two broke ground on a lithium refinery Tesla is building near Corpus Christi to bolster the company's supply of batteries for electric vehicles. "There is no greater entrepreneur in the entire world than Elon Musk," the governor said.

Standing in front of a Cybertruck decorated with U.S. and Texas flags, Musk thanked the state for supporting him and helping him move fast.

"That's how we do things," said Musk, who commandeered the spotlight last week for hosting a Twitter Spaces discussion with Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R), who announced his presidential bid.

Even as he wins accolades for bringing thousands of jobs and high-tech industries to Texas, cementing his status as a powerhouse in the state, Musk is also weathering a barrage of complaints from critics and regulators who say he's moving too fast.

In April, after a SpaceX rocket exploded over the Gulf of Mexico minutes after liftoff, the Federal Aviation Administration grounded the company's launch program, saying SpaceX had to "perform analyses to ensure that the public was not exposed to unacceptable risks." The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said the explosion sent "numerous large concrete chunks, stainless steel sheets, metal and other objects" flying over the area, along with a cloud of pulverized concrete that deposited material nearly seven miles from the launch site.

In a lawsuit against the FAA, wildlife groups said the SpaceX program posed serious environmental harms to the region.

And Musk's moves in Texas come as his takeover of Twitter has made him a more polarizing figure on the national stage. His erratic management of the social media company and his embrace of some conspiracy theories have sparked a digital storm in recent months.

"I'll say what I want to say, and if the consequence of that is losing money, so be it," Musk told CNBC in an interview after Tesla's May 16 shareholder meeting in Austin.

He and his companies didn't respond to requests for comment for this article.

"He is incredibly bright, he's been incredibly successful, and he's done things that are extremely hard," Maurice Schweitzer, a management professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, said of Musk. But that success, he added, has "caused him some conceit where he feels entitled and he feels a sense of being special in a way that's caused him to overextend himself."

Signs of Musk's move-fast ethos have mounted in Bastrop County. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has hit the Musk building sites with several violations over poor erosion controls and other matters. Texas's transportation department reprimanded Boring for building an unpermitted driveway that it said posed traffic-safety concerns, and Bastrop County issued a violation over unauthorized wastewater holding tanks.

"Regarding the Boring Company, we have been regularly hounded by their staff and consultants to expedite and approve permit applications that are incomplete and not in compliance" with regulations, the county's then-director of engineering and development, Robert Pugh, wrote in an email to a colleague last summer.

Ambrose and his wife, Maura Ambrose, first learned about their new neighbors in May 2021, when Maura saw young men "in skinny jeans and Converse" walking around the fields. At first they told her only that they were from Pflugerville, an Austin suburb. When pressed, they said they were with Boring, which aims to dig large tunnels under cities to alleviate traffic congestion.

Chap Ambrose walked over to introduce himself and helped push the workers' port-a-potties through the gate. When he asked to see their development plans, they suggested he might need to sign a nondisclosure agreement (NDA) first, Ambrose recalls. Another neighbor, Steve Hipe, owner of Hope Valley Tree Farm, said Boring employees also asked him to sign an NDA when he visited to discuss a tree sale. He declined, and they bought his trees anyway.

In 2022, Boring started construction of a large warehouse and other buildings designed to manufacture and test tunnel-boring equipment. Not long after, SpaceX began constructing a massive building across the road.

The work was "24/7 . . . spotlights all night," Maura Ambrose said.

Mobile homes for workers appeared at the Boring site, along with a pool and a clubhouse, and the company submitted plans to the county to build a Montessori school, public records show. It also filed plans to construct 110 homes on a nearby plot of land, in what the Wall Street Journal reported was a grand project to build a company town for Musk's employees.

Before long, complaints started rolling in from regulators. In February 2022, Bastrop County notified Boring that it was operating an unpermitted septic system and gave it 60 days to fix the problem, public records show. More than two months later the unauthorized system was still in operation, county officials said in a May 17 notice of violation.

In September 2021, the Texas Department of Transportation discovered that Boring had built an unpermitted driveway into its site, in a location that increased the odds of traffic accidents, according to agency emails received through a public records request. Months later, the problem remained.

Agency officials "have been clear that their unapproved driveway poses a hazard to the public. The Bastrop Area Office has been clear on what is required to mitigate this hazard. The Boring Company has objected to some of these mitigation actions," Miguel Arellano, a transportation department employee, wrote in an April 21, 2022, email to colleagues.

Alarmed by the speed and scale of the building, Ambrose began flying his drone over the construction sites to capture images and posted updates to social media and a website he started, Keep Bastrop Boring, which he advertised on a local billboard.

He shared videos of workers digging tunnels under the road to connect the Boring and SpaceX sites and submitted a complaint to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) over the excavated dirt, which he worried could be contaminated with chemicals.

He posted footage of a work crew bulldozing trees and submitted a complaint about SpaceX to the TCEQ after filming a hose pumping water from the construction site into a roadside ditch. The TCEQ issued a violation over the discharge of the "sediment-laden water."

Skip Connett, an organic farmer in the area, said the Musk projects are only part of a development boom that is threatening the environment, as Austin's eastward sprawl and other industrial projects increase truck traffic and pollution.

"Between Elon Musk coming in here and all the sand and gravel mines . . . suddenly this bucolic, pastoral prime farmland is now more than a thousand acres of an industrial site," Connett said. "There's no zoning, there are no rules. It's the Wild West."

Mel Hamner, a Bastrop County commissioner, said the growth is "more than this county was ready to handle," but added that officials lack broad powers to influence it.

"This is Texas. This is called property rights," Hamner said. "If you own the property and you stay within the state laws, you can pretty much do what you want."

In September, state authorities notified Chap Ambrose that Boring had applied for a permit to treat wastewater from the site and discharge it onto its own land or into the Colorado River. Ambrose worried that the plan could contaminate the region's water supply and asked his state senator to convene a public hearing, which happened in March.

Several hundred people turned up, exceeding the meeting room capacity at the local Hampton Inn. TCEQ officials attended to answer questions. Boring sent an environmental consultant, Rajiv Patel, to speak but not any of its own executives.

A TCEQ lawyer said the agency had preliminarily decided that the permit would meet "statutory and regulatory requirements." But residents and environmentalists in the audience were uneasy.

Connie Schroeder, mayor of the city of Bastrop, urged the company to treat its wastewater at the city's new plant instead. "We all know that's what's best for the Colorado," she said. Patel said Boring aimed to do that in the long run, but that a connection to the city plant didn't yet exist.

Amy Weir, a local property owner, said Musk's companies have "no doubt done amazing things," but that there was no need for them to "reinvent wastewater treatment" when the city was ready to handle the job. The penalties for violating the permit were far too low, she added. "The owner of these companies spent $44 billion on Twitter, and it had no impact on his ability to continue to build these businesses," she said.

Ambrose took the mic and criticized Boring for rushing ahead without a connection to the city treatment plant and for declining to answer questions at the hearing. "The leadership team is absent. And they are playing games. And we're not," he said.

Judah Ross, a Bastrop real estate agent, said afterward that he went into the meeting feeling neutral about the issue but left opposed because he found the Boring consultant's answers "evasive."

Musk, he said, is building products that are "changing the world."

"I love Elon, and we need more industry here," Ross said. "I just don't want him to dump his poop in the river."



When state authorities notified Ambrose that Boring applied for a permit to treat wastewater from the site and discharge it onto its land or into the Colorado River, he asked for a hearing.

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Va. Guard deploying to border in Texas

Youngkin answers Abbott's call, sends 100 troops for 30 days

BY GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER AND LAURA VOZZELLA

RICHMOND — Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) said Wednesday that he's deploying 100 National Guard troops to the U.S. border in Texas, heeding the call of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) and following in the footsteps of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R).

"The ongoing border crisis facing our nation has turned every state into a border state," Youngkin said in a news release. "As leadership solutions at the federal level fall short, states are answering the call to secure our southern border, reduce the flow of fentanyl, combat human trafficking and address the humanitarian crisis."

Youngkin's executive directive specifies that the 100 troops will be joined by 21 support personnel in a 30-day deployment, though the order is in effect for July through September. Democratic state lawmakers said they have been told by the administration that a one-month deployment will cost $3.1 million in state funds. Youngkin's office confirmed that figure.

A Virginia governor last deployed the National Guard outside the state's borders on Jan. 6, 2021, when then-Gov. Ralph Northam (D) sent troops to the District to help secure the U.S. Capitol against supporters of President Donald Trump staging a violent insurrection.

Abbott, who has deployed Texas National Guard troops and a variety of state assets along the state's border with Mexico, issued a call on May 16 for other states to join, citing a sharp rise in the flow of migrants as well as concerns about the trafficking of illegal drugs such as fentanyl. DeSantis was quick to respond, announcing that he would send 800 National Guard troops as well as state law enforcement officers.

Slamming President Biden for tough conditions at the border and a surge of migrants has become a calling card of Republican presidential aspirants, including DeSantis. Youngkin is widely known to be positioning for a possible last-minute run after the Virginia state legislative elections this fall.

Democrats were quick to condemn his troop deployment.

"This is Youngkin's latest entry in the Republican presidential beauty pageant," state Sen. Scott A. Surovell (D-Fairfax) said. "We'll definitely be looking into the legality of this."

Surovell accused the governor

SEE **GUARD** ON **B4**



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Kirsten Santos of Texas high-fives other spellers Wednesday after advancing in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Oxon Hill. Her command of words extends beyond English; she speaks four languages, including her family's native Tagalog.

Two Scripps veterans cross paths again on spelling's biggest stage

Kirsten Santos, 12, and Surya Kapu, 14, returned after a fifth-place tie with eyes on a win

BY LIZZIE JOHNSON

The 199th speller was still at the microphone when Kirsten Santos shuffled toward the middle of the stage, the bright lights reflecting off her cherry-red combat boots. It was almost her turn.

The audience clapped. Kirsten heard Jacques Bailly — the longtime pronouncer for the Scripps National Spelling Bee and its 1980 champion — say her name. Her picture flashed on the projector screen: glittery headband, wire-frame glasses, pink lip gloss.

Kirsten, 12, took a deep breath.

The first word of her second national spelling bee: *galena*.

Kirsten asked Bailly to repeat the definition. He explained that it was a bluish-grey mineral with metallic luster consisting of lead sulfide. She pretended to write the word on the palm of her right hand.

In the audience, her father covered his mouth with one hand. It wasn't the first time Levi Santos had watched his daughter confront words that most adults couldn't spell. In 2019, when she was 8, Kirsten had won the National Spanish Spelling Bee, studying for two hours every day to memorize more than 60,000 words. It seemed to come to her naturally. She speaks four languages including her family's native Tagalog, the national language of the Philippines.

Kirsten, who lives in Richmond, Tex., wagered a guess: *g-a-l-e-n-a*.



Surya Kapu of Utah, wearing a T-shirt in his lucky yellow hue, takes his seat after a correct spelling Wednesday. Last year, he tied with Kirsten for fifth place.

"Correct," Bailly said.

More spellers took the stage, the *tink* of the bell signaling doom for some, while others moved forward. Soon, it was 14-year-old Surya Kapu's turn.

If anyone could stand in the way of Kirsten winning the bee, it would be him — and vice versa. They were the only 2022 finalists to return to the national competition from the previous year, having tied for fifth place. Now, they were both vying for the championship and all it meant: a $50,000 prize, a shiny trophy, bee fame.

Seated on the other side of the stage at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center at National Harbor, Surya was dressed in a T-shirt and Puma sneakers in his lucky color — a sunshiny yellow. He had worn the same hue at the first local spelling bee he'd won four years ago, when he was in fourth grade. On this day, he hoped it would bring good things — maybe even a win, which would make him the first bee champion from

SEE **RIVALRY** ON **B2**

Boy, 11, arrested in D.C. robbery

AMONG YOUNGEST CHARGED THIS YEAR

Authorities are struggling to curb juvenile crime

BY PETER HERMANN, KEITH L. ALEXANDER AND EMILY DAVIES

As soon as he confronted the masked youth who seemed to be trying to rob him with a gun last week on Irving Street in Northwest Washington, Ryan Cummins knew the assailant was young.

"When I shoved him, he weighed nothing," Cummins said in an interview.

The 45-year-old told police that he thought his attacker weighed about 90 pounds and was between 12 and 14 years old.

Police said the youth they arrested Saturday in Cummins's case and two nearby robberies is even younger: 11. He is among the youngest arrested in the District this year in an armed robbery.

"It's pretty disgusting," said Cummins, who has lived in a neighborhood east of Columbia Heights for more than two decades.

The youth's arrest comes as D.C. authorities are struggling with violence against and perpetrated by juveniles, and as some fear younger children are more at risk than they used to be. Less than a month ago, police announced they had charged a 12-year-old in connection with nine carjackings, robberies and assaults.

Jawanna Hardy, founder of the local nonprofit Guns Down Friday, said her organization has

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Pr. George's officer who grabbed teen gets 45 days

BY DAN MORSE

Moments before handing down the sentence, Prince George's Circuit Judge Gladys Weatherspoon noted how her husband — like the man sitting in a courtroom before her — worked as a police officer.

"It's not that the court doesn't understand that sometimes you must grab people," Weatherspoon said. "Sometimes you do have to do a grab-and-pull, sometimes you must be rougher than normal . . . but this just was not that time."

The judge then sentenced Cpl. Darryl Wormuth to 45 days in jail for the assault of Kayvon Hines three years ago when the officer struck the handcuffed 17-year-old in the throat and yanked him downward. She asserted that the White officer's motives were revealed by racially charged private text messages that the judge said showed a bias against young Black men like Hines.

"I originally thought this was a second-degree assault because of a reckless act," Weatherspoon said. "Then I received these text messages, and I realized that this was not reckless. It was an intentional act."

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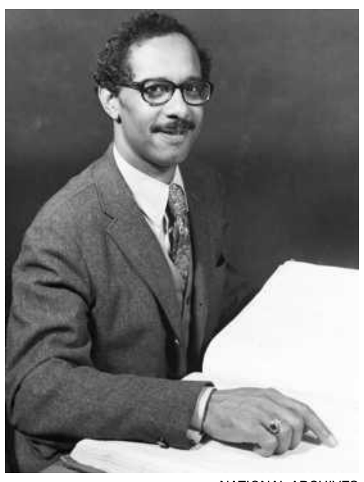
Major genealogical society plans apology for history of racism

BY SYDNEY TRENT

One of the nation's oldest and largest genealogical societies, founded to help Americans trace their family ancestries, will apologize Thursday for its history of racism, which includes a founder who was a eugenicist and early resistance to integration.

"In order to be credible, we have to be transparent, and we have to fully discover what our past was, as so many organizations are doing right now," said Kathryn Doyle, president of the National Genealogical Society, based in Falls Church.

The society's effort began in 2017 after complaints about the lack of diversity among the expert presenters at its annual conferences. It gained momentum, she



NATIONAL ARCHIVES

James Dent Walker became the Falls Church-based National Genealogical Society's first Black member in 1972.



NATIONAL ARCHIVES

An NGS application for James Worris Moore in 1960 sparked a vote to bar his membership and Black members in general.

said, after the murder of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis in 2020 sparked a national conversation on race.

While the society members used their digging prowess to scour the organization's archives, "we haven't looked at everything yet," Doyle said. "There may be more."

The apology, which will be made public Thursday at the organization's conference in Richmond, comes five months after the American Society of Human Geneticists issued a similar apology and announced steps to rectify past harms, which also included the promotion of eugenicist beliefs. The ASHG is the largest group of human geneticists in the world.

Beliefs in biologically superior and inferior races — which contradict modern genetic knowledge — have permeated both the study of genetics and the practice of genealogy.

In a report to be issued with its apology, titled "Our Journey from Exclusion to Inclusion," the National Genealogical Society noted that its founding in Washington in 1903 coincided with the rise of the American eugenics movement, which was based on the long-discredited theory that humanity can be improved through breeding, with supposedly pure White people of European ancestry as the ideal.

One NGS founder, Joseph Gaston Baillie Bulloch, a physician from Georgia and president of the group from 1909 to 1912, was

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Theresa Vargas

She is away. Her column will resume when she returns.

Back for another spelling standoff

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Utah.

"I've worked hard for this," he said. "It would be really nice to see it pay off."

Surya took his place at the microphone. He shifted from foot to foot, successfully spelling *sororal* — "like sisters" — and picking the correct meaning of the word *primeval*, or relating to the early ages. He still got nervous on the stage, he said, but he tried to breathe slowly and not speak too fast.

From the audience, his family whooped.

More and more difficult words had been thrown into the mix in recent years, lessening the likelihood of multiple winners. The competition was only going to get stiffer to get to the final on Thursday night.

To win outright, Surya and Kirsten knew, one of them would have to lose.

They'd both walked down the Hallway of Champions at National Harbor, admiring the faces peering down at them.

The banners honored more than nine decades of champions — wide smiles with gleaming braces, cheeks studded with acne, arms wrapped around massive trophies. The pictures went from black-and-white to high-definition color.

The reigning champion of last year's bee, Harini Logan, walked through the venue like a celebrity. She gave spellers advice — focus on each word, one at a time — and signed everyone's guides. She was commenting this year but was otherwise retired from spelling.

She's 15.

"It's remarkable how much talent is onstage," said Harini, whose winning word had been *moorhen*, or a female red grouse. "These spellers have such a way with words."

She noticed Kirsten playing with some Legos — shaking off nervous energy before her next round — and stopped by to say hello.

"I'm so glad you're doing it again this year!" Harini said.

"The stakes are very high," Kirsten said. "If I won, I'd be the first bilingual champion. I don't want anyone to achieve that before me."

She'd been envisioning her win. She conjured confetti, the trophy heavy in her arms.

When asked about Surya, Kirsten crossed her arms.

"I'm not worried about him at all," she said. "We haven't even met. ... He's like any other speller. It's not a battle against spellers. It's a battle against the dictionary. It's the words we are put against. I'm not going to be asked how to spell Surya's name."

His last name, Kapu, *was* in the dictionary, making it fair game.

By Wednesday afternoon, 56 of 231 spellers had advanced to the semifinals.

There was 12-year-old Aiden Wijeyakulasuriya, from Wisconsin, who had pushed his wheelchair to the microphone in the fourth round and received a whopper of a word — seven syllables, nearly unpronounceable.

Glomerulonephritis.

It meant inflammation or damage to the filtering part of the kidney.

He aced it.

So did Sarah Fernandes — a pint-size 11-year-old from Nebraska who'd quickly become a crowd favorite — who surmised that *finagle* meant "to obtain something by trickery."

But the 14-year-old who'd entered the bee a historic six times wasn't moving forward. Akash Vukoti lost in the fourth round, misspelling the word *graisse*, or a type of saturated fat.

Now, after breaking for lunch, the spellers ascended the stage again. The semifinals were beginning. The group needed to be winnowed once more before Thursday evening's finals.

Surya thought through all the words he'd studied. He wasn't worried about the other competitors either, he said.

"I don't really view anyone here as a competitor," he said. "It's more like us against the words."

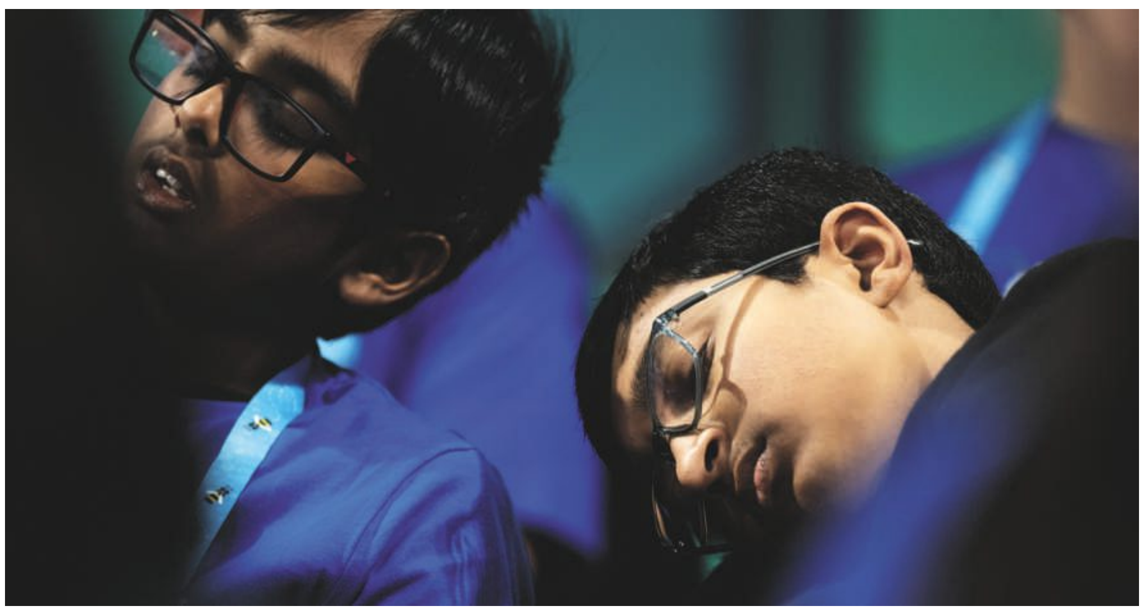
The spellers dropped off, one by one.

"Prepare the bell," joked 11-year-old Isaac Brogan of Ontario after being confronted with the word *tenrec*, or a small insectivorous mammal native to Madagascar.

"All right, I'm going to try this out," he said, spelling out the word.



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ABOVE: Kirsten Santos pretends to write a word on her palm as she competes in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Oxon Hill on Wednesday.

LEFT: A couple of spellers doze off amid the competition. By the day's end, 11 participants had made it to Thursday evening's finals, where they will vie for a $50,000 prize, a trophy and spelling bee fame.

The bell chimed.

"No!" he said, his face crumpling.

Head Judge Mary Brooks — ringer of the dreaded bell — had kind words for him, along with every other child who failed to move forward.

"Isaac, you have represented your country of Canada so well," Brooks said. "And at 11, you have more chances."

Kirsten approached the microphone, confident. It was now the sixth round of the semifinals. When she heard her word — a protein obtained from egg yolk — she blinked. She asked for all of the word's information. She thought. She asked for the information again, then made a guess: *l-i-v-e-t-y-n*.

The bell rang.

She'd mistaken the second "i" for a "y."

Brooks reminded her of how far she'd come.

"I have been so impressed with you, as has everyone in this room," she said. "You are an amazing lady and an outstanding speller. I can't wait to see what you do in 2024."

Soon, it was Surya's turn. He carefully spelled his word, *cyclas*, or an unfitted rectangle of cloth with an opening for the head.

The audience braced, waiting to see if the bell would ring yet again.

Silence.

He had made it through the round — and then the next two rounds, until he had earned a spot at Thursday evening's finals with 10 other spellers, including Sarah from Nebraska and 14-year-old Charlotte Walsh from Northern Virginia.

The spellers stood onstage, medals around their necks, as ESPN broadcaster Paul Loeffler asked them how they were feeling.

"You tied for fifth last year; where did you set your goals this year?" the broadcaster asked Surya. The 14-year-old didn't hesitate.

"Winning."

VIRGINIA

Most state jobs to drop requirement for degree

BY LAURA VOZZELLA

RICHMOND — Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin is scrapping college degree requirements for most state government jobs, joining a trend that started in Maryland last year as a way to address staff shortages and expand opportunities for workers.

Starting July 1, state agencies will no longer require degrees or give preference to job candidates who have them for 90 percent of state jobs, Youngkin (R) said Tuesday.

"This landmark change in hiring practices for our state workforce will improve hiring processes, expand possibilities and career paths for job seekers and enhance our ability to deliver quality services," Youngkin said in a statement announcing the change.

A year ago in Maryland, then-Gov. Larry Hogan (R) drew a mix of praise and concern when he imposed a similar policy. Critics warned that he was lowering standards and devaluing higher education. But supporters — Democrats among them — applauded Hogan for lowering barriers for workers who lack four-year degrees but have other skills and training.

Virginia, whose state agencies advertise about 20,000 job opportunities a year, is the seventh state to follow Maryland's lead. The trend has emerged as Americans debate the value of higher education given soaring tuition costs and the burden of student debt.

"Here's an example of a smart policy that gets rid of unnecessary college degree requirements and reduces barriers to good paying jobs. I hope other states follow suit!" former president Barack Obama tweeted in March, responding to a Vox report noting that the governors of Utah, Pennsylvania and Alaska had followed in Maryland's footsteps. Colorado, North Carolina and New Jersey have done likewise.

At least one Virginia Democrat praised Youngkin's decision, which drew no immediate public pushback.

"I think it's the right move," said Del. Schuyler T. VanValkenburg (D-Henrico), a high school civics teacher who is running for the state Senate. "We've seen Democratic and Republican governors across the country make this policy decision because it expands opportunities for working folks. I've been an advocate for Virginia moving in this direction and am glad to see the governor agrees."

Virginia Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater said the new policy has "opened a sea of opportunity at all levels of employment for industrious individuals who have the experience, training, knowledge, skills, abilities, and most importantly, the desire to serve the people of Virginia."

Slater added the state is also working to find ways to simplify and speed up credentialing and licensing for certain regulated occupations and professions.

Gregory S. Schneider contributed to this report.

RETROPOLIS

Genealogy group's work on diversity accelerated after George Floyd's murder

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an adherent of eugenics, the report said. In a 1912 article he published in the society's quarterly journal, he advised how genealogy should be used to protect the White race from genetic mixing and "tainted blood."

Given the society's decision to publish the article and its segregated membership, "it is reasonable to assume that other founders may have shared Bulloch's beliefs in eugenics or racism and that those beliefs informed the exclusionary practices NGS maintained throughout its early years," the report said.

In early 1960, James Worris Moore, an African American employee at the National Archives, attended a meeting of the NGS as a guest and was given a membership application, prompting an angry response among members and a rancorous discussion as to whether to integrate, the report says. On Nov. 19 that year, the society voted to both deny Moore's membership and bar all Black people from joining.

"Negroes ... have nothing in common with us, generally speaking," one member told The Washington Post at the time.

In 1972, the NGS finally approved its first Black member: James Dent Walker, a highly accomplished African American genealogist employed by the National Archives, who became the group's first Black officer. Walker later assisted author Alex Haley with the genealogical research for his novel "Roots."

While the organization continued to become more inclusive, the report said, it struggled with the perception, at times well-founded, that it was not sufficiently so. In 2017, it convened a panel at its conference in Raleigh, N.C., to address complaints about the lack of diversity among its conference speakers.

Floyd's murder and the ensuing protests in 2020 then prompted the NGS to excavate its own past, the report said. The society merged that year with the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and now the combined group has a membership of 8,625 professional and amateur genealogists and 554 genealogical organizations, including societies, libraries, archives and museums across the country.

Among other aims, which include diversifying its board, the NGS set a goal that 25 percent of its conference speakers would be from diverse backgrounds addressing topics of importance to members of color. In 2022, the society surpassed its goal, the report said.

The broader sharing of expertise and information has real-world benefits for members, Doyle noted, at a time when the practice of family genealogy has seen explosive growth, including among African Americans.

About 1 in 3 African Americans have used multiple methods to research their family history — including talking to relatives, conducting online research and using a mail-in DNA service such as Ancestry.com, according to a 2022 Pew Research Center report.

And yet Black descendants of enslaved people confront unique research obstacles. Black people who were not free were usually not listed by name in the U.S. census before 1870, and records of the enslaved were often written by hand and poorly maintained or are no longer in existence.

Experts trained in tracing African American genealogical roots are able to explain alternative research methods, such as relying on enslavers' insurance records, wills, bills of sales and other documents. Black members also learn more about their pasts when White members share findings about their ancestors' connection to enslaved people or upload them to websites designed to facilitate such collaboration.

The promotion of inclusion by the NGS is a way of encouraging "all genealogists to be more aware and generous in their research," Doyle said. She said she hopes the public apology and goals also prompt other groups to follow suit.

The relationship between African American genealogists and the NGS has been at times tense since Walker joined the NGS as its first Black member, said LaJoy Mosby, national president of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, which was founded by Walker in 1977. The D.C.-based group, with 1,500 members in 35 chapters, is the largest "ethnic-focused" member of the NGS since the merger, she said.

The NGS and other majority-White societies dismissed oral histories as a legitimate means of research, said Mosby, despite the outsize role they have played among African Americans, who were largely illiterate as enslaved people and had inherited rich oral traditions from Africa.

Following the popularity of the television miniseries "Roots" in 1977, however, interest in African American genealogy soared and oral histories continued to gain credence as a source of important information that could be validated with other sources, Mosby said.

Over the past five years, Mosby said, the largely Black association — which has always had White members, including board members, she said — has appreciated the efforts of the NGS to help lead the way in inclusivity. The apology, which was shared early with Mosby and her board, "is definitely a step in the right direction."

She noted that close collaboration between Black and White genealogists would seem to be ideal, given that the ancestral roots of many White and Black Americans have been interwoven for centuries. And yet the shared history around enslavement has led to a degree of discomfort, particularly among Whites, that has sometimes undermined the ability of family historians to work together, Mosby said.

"It's a matter of having people come to terms with that," she said. "It's the present, not the past, and regardless of how painful it is, it is okay to confront it. Let's accept it and move forward."

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Music to our ears: Free tickets to Palace on June 6 at 9:30 Club

The British alt-rock four-top released third album *Shoals* in 2022 – 12 profound tracks and "undoubtedly their best record to date" (clashmusic.com). "Not many bands do better emotionally literate, melancholic indie at the moment" (The Observer). "If Shoals is anything to go by, Palace will be filling stadiums before too long" (thelineofbestfit.com).

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Readers reveal how family, environment or sports inspired local street names



John Kelly's Washington

When I was growing up, I lived in a lot of different places. Such is the lot of an Air Force brat. And I can remember the streets we lived on from about when I was 5: East First Avenue in Mesa, Ariz.; Valencia Drive in Universal City, Tex.; Montagu Road in Brampton, England; Twinbrook Parkway in Rockville.

Of all those street names, one is the most informational. East First Avenue has both a numerical designation and an ordinal one. You know where you are with East First Avenue. Frankly, it's also the most boring name. We like interesting street names, names with stories.

I told a few of those stories in Wednesday's column and in my column of May 21. Readers have been sending me more.

In the late-1960s and early 1970s, **Steve Frank** worked for a Maryland land surveying company. "I was a draftsman and a 'computer,' which meant I computed things such as bearings and distances the field crews needed to survey properties and establish the location of new construction," wrote Steve, who now lives in Fulton, in Howard County.

Steve also designed subdivisions, including the layout of streets and building lots on plans for developers. He wrote: "Planned streets had to be submitted with names, and as you mentioned, these names had to be approved. Typically the developer or owner would supply the names but occasionally I was left to my own devices. As such, palindromic Truoc Court made the cut and exists today in the Oxon Hill area."

Steve said another one of his suggestions did not make the cut: Khurdsand Way. Wrote Steve: "Think Little Miss Muffet."

Chris Jensen is a land surveyor who worked on Loudoun County's South Riding subdivision. One day he noticed streets named Lambert Lane, Bradshaw Drive and Harris Street. Chris is a Pittsburgh Steelers fan and these names seemed awfully familiar.

"I asked the engineer who was designing the streets if he was paying homage to my team, or was this a coincidence?" wrote Chris, who lives in Ashburn. "He told me he was from Pennsylvania and a big Steelers fan as well, and yes indeed, those streets were named after **Jack Lambert**, **Terry Bradshaw** and **Franco Harris**. He also pointed out Kennywood Square (named after the Pittsburgh amusement park), Latrobe Street (**Arnold Palmer's** Pennsylvania home) and Primanti Street (named after the famous Primanti Brothers Pittsburgh sandwich shop).

And all this just a (very long) punt from Washington Commanders HQ.



BILL HURLEY

Bill Hurley at two Rockville streets named by his surveyor father: Neal Drive and Allan Road (Bill and his brother's middle names).

In my column last month I wrote that street names don't just burble up out of the ground. Some human has to come up with them. Well, not always, wrote **Bob Shackleford** of Rockville.

"I live in an area in Montgomery County known as Granby Woods," Bob wrote. "My street is named Artesian Drive, as there are artesian wells in the area. In the middle of a dry summer it is not unusual to see wet areas in the middle of the street. I know someone had to name it, but they named it appropriately."

Bill Hurley knows exactly why Neal Drive and Allan Road in the Burgundy Hills neighborhood of Rockville are called what they are. They're the middle names of himself and his brother: William Neal Hurley and **Bradley Allan Hurley**. Both were named by their father, **William**, who used to be a surveyor.

"And Hurley Park in Montgomery Village is named for my Dad, who later became an executive with Kettler Brothers," Bill wrote.

Joanie Casey lives in Ellicott City now, but she used to live in Springfield's Newington Forest development. One of the streets there is Wold Den Court.

Wrote Joanie: "I asked someone what that meant and was told the name was supposed to be WOLF Den Court, but someone made a typo and it wasn't caught."

Marcia and **Dave Leveton** live in Heritage Hunt, an active adult community in Gainesville, Va. Many of the streets there are named after horses.

"Ours was supposed to be named after the 1998 Kentucky Derby Winner: Real Quiet," the Levetons wrote. "However, due to a typo either from the builder or the county, the name was registered as Real Quite Court. That was quite a mistake! Interestingly, it intersects Sunday Silence Court, so if they used the intended name, it would have paid homage to anti-noise pollution horses."

Would that make the people who lived there neigh-sayers?

11-year-old is charged in three cases

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shifted its focus from high-schoolers to middle-schoolers, and for the first time this year, she selected children younger than 13 as the highest priority for her summer mentorship program.

Hardy said she made the change after noticing last summer that the 15- and 16-year-olds had started to encourage their younger siblings to join them on the streets — a trend she called new in D.C. and alarming.

"Back in the day, that was against the code. You protected your younger siblings against things going on in the world," she said. Hardy also said the 15- and 16-year-olds were increasingly hard to reach. By that age, she said, they had already lost so many friends to gun violence that "it was hard to get them not to retaliate. The pain was so deep."

D.C. police say more than half of the 43 people arrested for carjacking so far this year are juveniles, mostly 15- and 16-year- olds. Outgoing Police Chief Robert J. Contee III has told the D.C. Council that more juveniles are being arrested in connection with a serious crime as their first offense. Last year, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) declared youth crime an "emergency."

Eight youths under the age of 18 have been killed in the District by gunfire this year. Police said that through May 18, 48 juveniles have been shot, double from this time last year.

Cummins said he believes the 11-year-old and an older accomplice who remains at large tried to rob him on May 24, although it was unclear what they may have wanted.

He told police one of the youths mumbled "get him" or "get that" when they first approached, according to the police report. In the interview, Cummins said he pushed the youth, then turned "and saw him point a gun at me." He said that he took cover behind a stone wall and threw a rock at them and that they sped away on bicycles.

The 11-year-old was charged as a juvenile with armed robbery in a May 21 incident involving two young males who robbed a man of a bicycle near his home on Lamont Street NW. Police said the man at first refused the assailants' demands but complied when one pulled a gun from his fanny pack.

He was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon in Cummins's case and with robbery in a May 26 incident on Luray Place NW in which car keys were taken.

Because juvenile records are sealed, The Washington Post was unable to review court records or determine the status of the pending criminal case. The D.C. attorney general's office, which prosecutes juvenile crime, declined to discuss this case, citing privacy laws.

Several juveniles are accused of serious offenses in recent weeks in and around the District.

Police in D.C. and in Prince George's County said Monday that authorities have arrested a 15-year-old wanted in the attempted killing of a teenager aboard a school bus. Officials have said that teen also is a suspect in the killing of a woman in the District. Earlier last month, police said they had arrested a 15-year-old in an armed carjacking, a 16-year-old in two armed robberies with firearms, and a 14-year-old in three armed robberies using a knife.

On Tuesday, a D.C. Superior Court judge said the 12-year-old, now 13, charged in nine separate carjackings, robberies and assaults over five weeks in Southeast Washington had fled a youth detention shelter.

He had been moved to a less-secure shelter after his attorney successfully argued that District prosecutors failed to provide any evidence in eight of the alleged crimes. Judge Robert A. Salerno ordered police to pick up the youth after he learned the youth was not at the shelter.

Cummins blamed the mayor's office and council members for failing to keep crime down in the city. Some lawmakers have stressed rehabilitation over incarceration for juvenile offenders. Contee has pushed for more consequences for young and older criminal suspects.

Cummins said he was shot in the leg last year in an alley near his home when he came across a dispute between two men. Police described him as an apparent unintended target, but Cummins said the gunman fired multiple rounds down the alley at him and others.

He said police told him that efforts to arrest the adult suspect were put on hold by prosecutors. A D.C. police spokesman confirmed the prosecution in the case was declined.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office for the District said her office does not comment on charging decisions.

Cummins said he had video of the incident and the license plate of a vehicle the gunman used. "I don't know what else you need," he said, adding, "It's amazingly frustrating."

Cummins said he learned of the arrest in the most recent case involving the 11-year-old when his brother's friend spotted an item on the news and called him. He said he wasn't too surprised when he learned the boy's age, noting, "I knew how small the guy was."

He said that to the assailants, robbing and pointing guns at people "is like a big game."

"They don't care," he said. "No one else's lives matter to them anymore."

Pr. George's officer guilty of assault gets 45 days

SENTENCING FROM **B1**

Wormuth was convicted in a trial before Weatherspoon this spring. She found him guilty of second-degree assault and misconduct in office, both misdemeanors, while acquitting him of first-degree felony assault. The judgment reflected the quickness of the incident and how it didn't amount to strangulation, Wormuth's attorney Robert Bonsib said Wednesday.

"In light of the verdict that she rendered and her reasons for rending it," Bonsib said, "we thought the sentence she imposed was very fair and moderate."

Wormuth had chosen to be tried before Weatherspoon instead of a jury. The officer's nearly one month in jail since his conviction counts as part of his sentence. Combining that with good-time credits he has received behind bars means that Wormuth probably will be released in the next few days, Bonsib said.

Wormuth joined the Prince George's force about 16 years ago. He remains on the force, though his police powers have been suspended. He has no plans to try to return to active duty, according to Bonsib.

"He is moving on from law enforcement to a different career," Bonsib said, citing his client's position that he acted properly even as violent crime trends are making policing more difficult. "He does not believe he did anything wrong in this case, and it's a very dangerous time to serve as a law enforcement officer."

The incident unfolded on the evening of Oct. 20, 2020, when Wormuth pulled up in his police cruiser outside an apartment building in the Suitland area and began watching three young men on a porch. One of them, Hines, matched the general description of a lookout that police put out over the radio that day for a possible armed person who fled an arrest, according to Bonsib.



DAN MORSE/THE WASHINGTON POST

Kayvon Hines, 20, with prosecutors in Prince George's County after the sentencing of a police officer who assaulted him in 2020.

State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy, whose office prosecuted the case, emphasized Tuesday that Hines was not the person police were looking for and that he had done nothing wrong.

"Mr. Hines ran away," Braveboy said. "He knew he wasn't doing anything wrong and he didn't want to have an interaction. So Corporal Wormuth, instead of letting it go, he decides to get other officers to chase him down and those officers caught up with him."

At that point, Hines tossed his cellphone and got down on his back with his arms out. One of the officers soon had him in handcuffs and was walking him toward police cars, guiding Hines by his elbow while other officers walked behind them.

That's when Wormuth approached from the front and throttled Hines with an open hand in the neck. "Grabbed him so hard that Mr. Hines lost his wind," Weatherspoon said.

Wormuth pulled the teen toward a police cruiser.

A county grand jury indicted Wormuth on three charges, including felony assault. Wormuth also was suspended from police duties.

At trial, Bonsib argued the incident didn't constitute criminal assault because Wormuth grabbed the teen by his shoulder and the scruff of his hoodie, using enough "reasonable force" to prevent him from running from him again.

Prosecutors relied on helicopter video and testimony from other officers. Weatherspoon concluded that Wormuth was frustrated the teen had fled. "He was upset and determined to make him pay the smart-mouth run tax," Weatherspoon said.

It wasn't until the first sentencing hearing, last week, that prosecutors introduced text messages written by Wormuth that they say revealed both his motives and his disregard for the case.

"I got a mean a-- choke," he wrote to several others.

Wormuth also indicated that punishing him was the wrong approach to controlling crime in a specific part of the county. "Well, I tried to work that area, they kept bitching about the problems there," he said in a text. "Then I allegedly choke someone and their fix was to suspend me. Bet they would rather me choke someone now . . . Just saying."

In three different communications, Wormuth referred to Black people as animals. One referenced a specific, arrested suspect. Another referred to two Black officers. The third was more general.

"You're talking about Kayvon Hines and the people who look like him," Weatherspoon said. "You were talking about the people you swore to protect and serve."

"It was just an unfortunate use of language that should not have been used," Bonsib said, adding that the texts ran counter to Wormuth's actions during his career. To underscore that during the sentencing hearing last week, the attorney brought in two Black apartment complex managers who knew the officer for years.

"They never had any complaints. They praised him highly," Bonsib said. "There was nothing in his police history, or in his interactions with people on the street, to suggest he was biased against people because of their race."

LOCAL DIGEST

THE DISTRICT

Police investigate pair of homicides in SE

A 41-year-old man who was stabbed a week ago in Anacostia has died, D.C. police said.

Fitsum Ayele Mamo of Southeast Washington died at a hospital Saturday, two days after police said he was stabbed in the 1900 block of 14th Street SE.

The incident occurred about noon last Thursday. Police said another man also was stabbed but described his injuries as not life-threatening.

Police described the apparent motive as "domestic in nature" but did not elaborate.

Police arrested Asmerom Ghebrekidan, 51, in connection with the stabbings shortly after they occurred. Ghebrekidan had initially been charged with assault with intent to kill, but court records show he is now charged with second-degree murder while armed.

A D.C. Superior Court judge ordered Ghebrekidan detained until a court hearing June 8.

Charging documents filed in court say the victim was struck with an ax during an argument outside an apartment building. The documents say a bystander disarmed the assailant and held him until police arrived.

Efforts to reach Ghebrekidan's attorney on Wednesday were not successful.

Authorities have also identified a woman who was fatally stabbed Monday in an apartment near Nationals Park as Regina Morris, 52, of Southeast Washington.

Police said officers conducting a welfare check found Morris's body about 2:45 p.m. inside a residence in the first block of Potomac Avenue SE.

No arrest has been made in Morris's slaying.

— Peter Hermann

VIRGINIA

Two charged in double homicide in Fairfax

Police arrested two people in connection with the killing of two men at a Fairfax County apartment complex on Monday, according to a news release.

Police said Wednesday that they charged Vladimir Garcia Montes, 18, of Falls Church and a 17-year-old, whom they did not identify, with robbery resulting in death in the incident.

Jonas Skinner, 20, of Ashburn and Braden Deahl, 18, of Arlington were killed, police said Tuesday, and two juveniles were stabbed and wounded.

Everyone was known to one another, police said. Officials said they found pounds of marijuana at the scene and a backpack filled with narcotics. A knife was also found, police said Monday.

Online records show Deahl was a senior at Washington-Liberty High School who played on the soccer team, and a school spokesman confirmed that he was a student at the school. Attempts to reach Skinner's family were unsuccessful; Deahl's family told a reporter Tuesday that they did not wish to speak about the case.

The incident occurred about 3:30 p.m. Monday in the 2200 block of Pimmit Run Lane. Police said that they were called about a shooting and that when officers arrived, they found Skinner shot dead in the laundry room.

Deahl was found with a stab wound in the apartment complex's parking lot and was taken to a hospital, where he died. Two teenagers suffering from stab wounds were also found in the parking lot and taken to a hospital with injuries that were not considered to be life-threatening.

— Olivia Diaz

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Youngkin sends Va. Guard troops to Tex.

GUARD FROM B1

of wasting public money, saying that deploying the troops to stop refugees is not an effective way to combat the trafficking of fentanyl, which tends to be smuggled at ports or in tractor-trailers.

"As a veteran, I'm really disturbed that he would use National Guardsmen for political theater to further his presidential ambitions," House Minority Leader Don L. Scott Jr. (D-Portsmouth) said. "I'm disturbed that he would spend $3.1 million to send National Guardsmen from Virginia down without a specific and prescribed mission."

But Republicans applauded Youngkin's move.

"I commend and support Governor Youngkin's actions today in the strongest possible terms," Virginia House Speaker Todd Gilbert (R-Shenandoah) said in a statement, noting that "cartels smuggle their lethal poison into our country among the thousands of migrants who are trafficked across the border every day."

Del. Tony O. Wilt (R-Rockingham), chairman of the House Public Safety Committee, said Youngkin's action "will save lives, not only on the border, but in every community in Virginia."

It is not yet clear which Guard unit will be called up and precisely when it will head to Texas.



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The office of Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) confirmed that a one-month deployment will cost $3.1 million in state funds.

"The Virginia National Guard is staffing the support request and has not assigned a unit to the mission at this time," Guard spokesman A.A. "Cotton" Puryear said in an email to The Washington Post. "We expect the troops to deploy to Texas in July, but the exact time has not been finalized."

The Guard members involved will receive less generous benefits because this is a state call up as opposed to a federal activation, Puryear acknowledged. Under the Virginia Code, state and local governments may offer a pay supplement to public employees called up for federal service to bring their base military pay up to the level they normally earn. That is not the case for a state deployment.

Based on Texas's request, Puryear said the Guard expects its personnel to "operate observation and listening posts focused on key terrain and avenues of approach." Guard members will receive some training before deployment, plus additional "mission-specific" instruction once in Texas, he said.

The Youngkin administration said the deployment is in response to an Emergency Management Assistance Compact request from Texas, which allows the governor of one state to seek help from another. Abbott hosted Youngkin and eight other Republican governors in Texas on May 22 for a border security briefing.

"Just as we stand ready to assist our fellow Virginians in times of need, the Virginia National Guard is ready to provide assistance to other states through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact process and will provide requested capabilities to help our fellow Americans," Maj. Gen. Timothy P. Williams, the adjutant general of Virginia, said in a written statement.

In remarks to reporters at an unrelated event Wednesday, Youngkin said the border crisis in Texas is a Virginia problem because the flow of illegal fentanyl leads to an average of five Virginia deaths every day. Youngkin said Texas has spent billions on border security initiatives, "and so this is our part in order to support the great work that Texas is doing now."

OBITUARIES



COURTESY OF MAUREEN SHUL

Retired Air Force Maj. Brian Shul stands in front of an SR-71 Blackbird in California in the 1990s. Grievously injured during the Vietnam War, he spent months recovering. Maj. Shul went on to fly the Blackbird — the world's fastest jet — in top-secret Cold War operations.

BRIAN SHUL, 75

Even after war injury, pilot soared

BY MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD

Retired Air Force Maj. Brian Shul, a fighter pilot who nearly died after being shot down during the Vietnam War and then, defying doctors who said his injuries would ground him forever, flew the world's fastest jet in top-secret Cold War operations, died May 20 at a hospital in Reno, Nev. He was 75.

He collapsed and went into cardiac arrest shortly after telling his life story at the Nevada Military Support Alliance's annual gala, according to his sister, Maureen Shul.

Maj. Shul, who retired in 1990, traveled the world speaking about his life, taking the stage in an American flag shirt more than 30 times a year at conferences, corporate meetings and veteran events. His face and hands were clearly disfigured from his injuries.

"I don't want you to confuse me with anyone that's heroic or famous or did anything great," Maj. Shul told an audience at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. "It's good etiquette when you check the airplane out of the squadron to bring it back. Leaving your jet in the jungle doesn't qualify you as heroic. I am a survivor."

In 1973, Maj. Shul was flying an AT-28 near the Cambodian border when he was hit by small-arms fire. His plane erupted into flames as it crashed in the jungle. Maj. Shul crawled out and was rescued by a Special Forces team. More than half of his body had been badly burned.

He spent several months in military hospitals enduring treatment more painful than the flames. Even eating was unbearable.

"I kept saying, 'God, just please let me die. I can't do this. You picked the wrong guy. I'm not strong enough. I'd have nothing to fight with now. It hurts too bad. I don't even want to wake up each morning,'" he told the Museum of Flight in an oral history of his career.

One day, lying in bed in severe pain, he could hear children playing soccer in the distance.

"I thought, 'Boy, I was those kids, I'd give anything to be back out there with them,'" he said during the Lawrence Livermore speech.

Then, a song came on the radio: Judy Garland singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

"You listen to the words to that song, it's all about daring to dream," he continued. "I heard the words of that song for the first time that day. They penetrated my brain sharper than any scalpel they were using, and I could look out the window and see the other side of the rainbow and those kids, and I made a choice. I made a decision right then. I am going to try to eat the food tomorrow. I want to live. I'm going to try to survive."

Maj. Shul said he needed a goal to focus on. He settled on flying again, which the doctors said he'd never do. After 15 operations and several months of physical therapy, he passed a physical and resumed his pilot duties. He flew in air shows and was a flight instructor.

In 1983, he volunteered to fly the SR-71 Blackbird, a Lockheed Martin skunk works plane capable of flying at Mach 3 at 85,000 feet to conduct aerial surveillance in the days before drones.

Nicknamed "the sled," the SR-71 flew so fast and high — it could even outrun missiles — that its pilots needed to wear astronaut suits. The plane's windshield was four inches thick to protect occupants from the extreme temperatures created by supersonic flight.

"It would heat to 565 degrees," Maj. Shul told the Napa Valley Register. "You could bake cookies on it."

In a 2012 article naming him as one of three notable pilots to operate the plane, Air & Space Forces Magazine wrote, "Even now, no other aircraft has come close to matching its performance, beauty, and operational efficiency."

"To fly this jet, and fly it well, meant establishing a personal relationship with a fusion of titanium, fuel, stick and throttles," Maj. Shul wrote in "Sled Driver: Flying the World's Fastest Jet." "It meant feeling the airplane came alive and had a personality all her own."

Brian Robert Shul was born in Quantico, Va., on Feb. 8, 1948, though he lost his middle name legally because of a clerical error when he enlisted in the Air Force. His father was a Marine Corps officer and director of the Marine Corps band. His mother was a homemaker.

The family moved around the country to his father's various posts. When he was 9, he attended an air show at what is now Joint Base Andrews in Maryland. He saw the Blue Angels and other Air Force jets zoom by overhead.

"I'm like, 'Whoa,'" he told the Museum of Flight. "It reached in, grabbed my soul, never let go."

Maj. Shul graduated from East Carolina University with a bachelor's degree in history in 1970. Later that year, he enlisted in the Air Force. He flew 212 combat missions during the Vietnam War.

After retiring, in addition to his public speaking, he became a nature photographer. He also sold several books of photos he had taken while flying the SR-71.

He is survived by his sister.

Of the many highflying tales Maj. Shul told to audiences, none was more popular than the "L.A. Speed Check" story.

He and crew mate Walter Watson were flying above Southern California. Planes were checking in with air traffic control to learn their ground speed.

A Cessna radioed in — 90 knots.

A Twin Beach radioed in — 120 knots.

An F-18 radioed in — 525 knots.

Then Maj. Shul and Watson radioed in — 1,492 knots.

It was a supersonic mic drop.

"No further inquiries were heard on that frequency," Maj. Shul said.

DEATH NOTICE

BREM

DR. ARTHUR BREM

Dr. Arthur Brem, 89, most recently of Tuscan Gardens Senior Living in Delray Beach, Florida, passed away on May 9, 2023. Dr. Arthur Brem formerly resided in Rockville, Maryland and Potomac, Maryland. Arthur was born on May 21, 1934 to Isidor and Anna Brem in Brooklyn, New York. After Arthur graduated from Calvin Coolidge High School, he went on to study Pre-dentistry at the University of Maryland and Dentistry at Georgetown University. Arthur had a successful dental practice, at first in home office in Adelphi, Maryland and then in a high rise apartment complex nearby in Hyattsville, Maryland, until he retired in 1991. Arthur was an avid stamp collector, pasta lover and a big supporter of all Washington sport teams. Arthur was survived by his wife of 65 years, Sondra Brem; his sister Charlotte Brem; his three children, Michael Brem, Pamela Hastings and Elena Flax and the apple of his eye, his four grandchildren, Matt, Danny, Ben and Sydney. Services previously held. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association, an organization the Brems feel strongly about.

DANOFF

ALLAN STEVEN DANOFF

Allan Steven Danoff, of Ellicott City, Maryland, passed away on Friday, May 26, 2023 at the age of 73. He is survived by his beloved wife, Marguerite A. Donnelly; children, Aidan Danoff and Mara Danoff; brothers, Mitchell and Eric Danoff; and father, Morris Danoff. Allan was predeceased by his mother, Janet Danoff; and brother, Robert Danoff.

Services at Sol Levinson's Chapel, 8900 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, MD 21208, on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. Please omit flowers. Contributions in his memory may be sent to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The family will be in mourning at 3400 A Old Court Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21208, immediately following the funeral service.

DAVIS

NORMAN DAVIS "Billy"
September 15, 1932 – May 12, 2023

Arrangements entrusted to Lewis Funeral Chapel in Bremerton, Washington. No services planned.

PHILPOT

DONN EDWARD PHILPOT (Age 81)
September 1, 1941 – May 26, 2023

Donn Edward Philpot passed away peacefully at home on May 26, 2023, surrounded by his wife and best friend of 35 years, Jan, and their children.

Born in Washington, DC in 1941 to Elizabeth Beatrice Collins and Richard Virgil Philpot, Donn was a graduate of Montgomery Blair High School and proudly served in active duty in the U.S. Navy. He had an extraordinary career spanning industry, government, and academia. In addition to his self-employment consultancy, he worked for the General Electric Company, Computer Sciences Corporation, Science Applications International Corporation, Technology Applications, Inc., and the Carnegie Mellon University Software Engineering Institute.

Donn had an amazing ability to listen, reason, mentor, support, forgive, and love. He was passionate about equality for all and a champion for the underdog. He loved his cars and motorcycles, playing the guitar, and watching Mel Brooks' movies. He was an early adopter of everything Apple and took great pride in being Kris Kristofferson's most loyal fan. He was an all-around good guy with a magnificent smile and a beautiful singing voice.

Through the years, Donn and Jan resided in Pittsburgh, Alexandria, Rehoboth Beach, and eventually retired in Cumming, Georgia. He is survived by his wife, six children (Erik Philpot, Colin Philpot, Todd Philpot, Leslie (Dobkin) Marinelli, Theodore (Ted) Dobkin, and Courtney (Philpot) Cooper), and 11 adored grandchildren. He is also survived by a host of Collins and Ryan cousins throughout the country, and his best buddy "Butch" in Cincinnati.

A memorial service and Irish wake with family and friends is being planned for the fall.



DEATH NOTICE

POULSON

HANNAH BROWN DI ZEREGA POULSON

September 18, 1941 to May 28, 2023, following a long illness. She was born in Alexandria, Virginia. While attending Radford College, the Women's Division of VPI, she met her husband, George E. Poulson, Jr., who survives her. They were long-time residents of Clifton, Virginia. Also survived by sons George III, Gregory, their families, sister Mary Jane Hammerland, nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family will receive friends and family Saturday, June 3, at 11 am at the Colonial Funeral Home of Leesburg.

POWELL

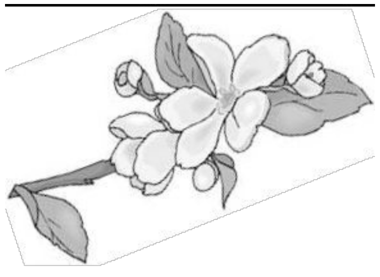
LEE ETTA POWELL (Age 93)

Dr. Lee Etta Powell transitioned at her Washington, DC home to her heavenly home with her beloved daughter and kindred spirit, Rachelle D. Powell by her side on the morning of Tuesday, May 16, 2023

The home going service for Dr. Lee Etta Powell will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church, at 1500 - 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 on Thursday, June 1, 2023. The viewing will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m.

The interment will immediately follow the funeral service at National Harmony Memorial Park Cemetery, 7107 Sheriff Road, Hyattsville, MD 20785.

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DEATH NOTICE

VAUGHN-TALLEY



STACEY VAUGHN-TALLEY
1961-2023

Stacey transitioned peacefully on Saturday May 13, 2023 in Rockville, MD. Memorial services will be held June 4, 2023, 1 to 4 p.m. at Martin's Crosswinds, 7400 Greenway Center Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Interment will be private.

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CONDOLENCE

BUERGENTHAL

JUDGE THOMAS BUERGENTHAL

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum deeply mourns the passing of Judge Thomas Buergenthal, Holocaust survivor, renowned international jurist and human rights champion, Museum Council member, founder of the Museum's genocide prevention program, and laureate of the Museum's highest honor, the Elie Wiesel Award.

One of the few children to survive Auschwitz, Judge Buergenthal dedicated his life to ensuring that others did not experience what he had and holding accountable those who committed crimes against targeted populations. In a Museum oral history interview, he declared, "We can't allow these things to happen, we have to do something."

Born May 11, 1934, in then-Czechoslovakia, Tom Buergenthal was a child when his family fled the country after facing increasing antisemitic harassment and persecution. They were in Poland when Nazi Germany occupied the country and were forced into the Kielce ghetto and then a forced labor camp before being deported to Auschwitz in August 1944, when Justice Buergenthal was ten.

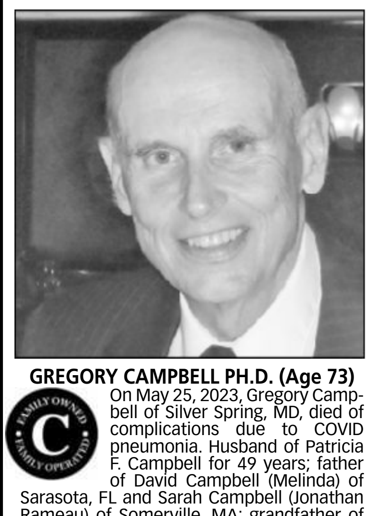
He was one of the few children not sent to the gas chambers on arrival. His mother was sent to the women's camp. He wrote in his memoir that his mother had been told that he was a "Lucky Child," and "lucky" was how he described his survival during the Holocaust. He was liberated from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp in April 1945 and later placed in an orphanage. He was reunited with his mother three years after they had been separated. His father perished at Buchenwald.

In 1951 at age 17, Judge Buergenthal immigrated to the United States. He attended Harvard Law School and began a remarkable legal career that spanned decades. Judge Buergenthal helped to develop international law, notably human rights, humanitarian, and criminal law through his work as a judge at the International Court of Justice, as judge and president at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, as a member of the UN Truth Commission for El Salvador, as judge at the Administrative Tribunal of the Inter-American Development Bank, as vice-chairman of the Claims Restitution Tribunal for Dormant Accounts in Switzerland owned by victims of Nazism, as the first US national appointed to the UN Human Rights Committee, and through extensive writing and teaching including at George Washington University Law School.

"Shaped by his experience as a Holocaust survivor, Judge Buergenthal was always clear, he said repeatedly that, 'We have an obligation as survivors and we owe it to the people who died, to make sure that these things don't happen in other places.' Today we mourn the passing of a giant, a champion for justice, and a voice for those whose voices are all too often silenced," said Naomi Kikoler, director of the Museum's Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide.

DEATH NOTICE

CAMPBELL



GREGORY CAMPBELL PH.D. (Age 73)

On May 25, 2023, Gregory Campbell of Silver Spring, MD, died of complications due to COVID pneumonia. Husband of Patricia F. Campbell for 49 years; father of David Campbell (Melinda) of Sarasota, FL and Sarah Campbell (Jonathan Rameau) of Somerville, MA; grandfather of Harper, Jack, and Grant Campbell and Margot and Caitlin Rameau. Also survived by his brother Paul (Melanie) Campbell of Beloit, WI and his sister Elizabeth Snyder of Greenville, OH. Greg was a professor of statistics at Purdue University (6 years), before he joined NIH to develop research advancing statistical and mathematical methodology for clinical trials (13 years). He was director of the Division of Biostatistics in the FDA (20 years), responsible for pre-market review of medical device studies. In 2015, Greg retired and established GCStat Consulting, providing technical advice for medical product evaluation studies. Relatives and friends may call at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Boulevard West, Silver Spring, MD (Valet Parking) Monday, June 5, 2023, from 2 to 4 p.m. and at St. John the Baptist Church, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD, on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities DC (www.catholiccharitiesdc.org) or UPLIFT Haiti (www.uplifthaiti.org) For more information see

www.Collinsfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICE

DZIAK

CAROLE ANN DZIAK (Age 81)

Carole Ann Dziak of Great Falls, Virginia, passed away on May 14, 2023, after a lengthy battle with several illnesses.

Carole was born on March 13, 1942 to Ralph and Mildred Famiglietti of Jersey City, New Jersey. After graduating from St. Dominic's High School in 1959, she went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in literature and history from The College of Mt. St. Vincent in Riverdale, New York in 1963. Upon graduation, Carole worked as a school teacher in Madison Township, NJ.

Carole met her husband John J. Dziak in 1961 and they wed in 1963. Their child, John J. Dziak, Jr., was born in 1964. Two years later the Dziak family moved to Virginia where her husband began a long career in US Intelligence.

Carole dedicated her life to her husband and son. She also pursued a long-term career in business and finance, when not substitute teaching. Amongst her many pursuits were her roles as Special Assistant to the CFO and CEO of Atlantic Research Corporation in Northern Virginia; and Chief Financial Officer of her and her husband's Defense security consulting firm.

Carole was preceded in death by her parents Mildred and Ralph A. Famiglietti and her brother Ralph B. Famiglietti. Carole is survived by her husband John, Sr., her son John, Jr., his wife Christine, and grandsons Michael, Christopher, and Marc.

Funeral services include a viewing at Money & King Funeral Home, 171 Maple Ave. W, Vienna, VA, 22180, on Friday, June 2, 2023, from 2 to 4 p.m. and Mass of Christian Burial, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 1020 Springvale Rd., Great Falls, VA 22060, on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 10 a.m.

Donations in Carole's memory are recommended for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Online condolences and fond memories of Carole may be offered to the family at
www.moneyandking.com

HELLO



CAROLYN HELLO

Carolyn Hello, wife of Buz, mother, grandmother, fundraiser, and friend to only-children, died on February 26, 2023 in Venice, Florida. She passed in her sleep under hospice care at Banyan Residence having lived an exciting and colorful 94 1/2 years. She is survived by daughter Dianne Pedersen, son Scott Hello and wife Susan, grandson Scott Bastian Hello and granddaughter Amy Gavin. Carolyn was born in Castlebury, Alabama but soon moved to Dayton, Ohio where she was raised and educated through attendance at University of Dayton where she was also a cheerleader. Her parents, Marvin and Ethel Miniard were entrepreneurial. He built houses and she ran restaurants. Later they moved to Florida where they owned a root beer stand until retirement.

While working at Wright-Patterson on Air Force Base she met and married a handsome egghead Air Force captain who designed airplanes and looked to the stars. His early career took Carolyn, Scott and Dianne to the famous testing site in the Mojave Desert and Baltimore, Maryland home of Martin Marietta where their life in the Space Program began. Those we were very exciting times and Carolyn had many friends among the astronauts, and witnessed many launches and missions with their wives.

As the U.S. led the world in space exploration they were at the leading edge of it all. Buz ran the Gemini Program until being drafted by Rockwell to revive the Apollo Program and get our astronauts to the moon in 1969. After Apollo 12, he went on to win the Space Shuttle Program for Rockwell. Once the Shuttle Program was up and running, he was tasked with winning the design and build of B-1 Bomber which mandated a multi-state and international aerospace contracting team. Carolyn was there for it all entertaining and meeting with lawmakers from all over the country as well as international statesmen.

They would attend a meeting and ceremony in South Korea, and a few days later she would be seated with Henry Kissinger at a White House dinner. Carolyn and her beloved Buz traveled the world and dealt with the most interesting people while still holding dear their cadre of close friends in Los Angeles, DC and at Congressional Country Club. (It's not easy being married to a rocket scientist!).

It was in L.A. that Carolyn was introduced to nascent foundation: Achievement Rewards For College Scientists (ARCS). She helped with fundraising and awareness to promote the study of science and engineering and provide scholarships to deserving students. When Carolyn and Buz moved to D.C. she brought her enthusiasm and fundraising ability to the new chapter there, and remained a member to her passing. She was also a devoted member of the Saint Francis Episcopal congregation in Potomac, Maryland and attended Bible Study Classes with the Rector.

Carolyn lost her beloved Buz February, 2011. At the end of that year Carolyn, Susan and Scott, and Dianne moved to a family "happy place", Rehoboth Beach, DE. The house was large enough to accommodate all family members with their own space as well as plenty of room for guests. There was a regular flow of extended family and friends from all over to keep her smiling and toasting.

Carolyn quickly became a town fixture (character) who everyone knew from the finest restaurants to the funkiest music venues. She flew the cocktail flag promptly at 5:30 (and you just not be late!) She would happily go out and listen to live music every night if she could, however, watching the sunset, glass of wine in hand, Willie Nelson in the background, dogs at her feet on the front deck certainly served as a pleasing alternative.

In 2018, Carolyn moved to the tropical climate of Venice, Florida not only for rehab purposes but she always loved it. She was surrounded by lush vegetation, tropical flowers, and the sounds of exotic birds and trickling water. She finished a long extraordinary life at peace, in peace. She is missed. Services held on June 1, 2023.

MALET



JEFFREY MALET

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Jeffrey Malet at the age of 71. Jeffrey was a beloved son, brother, uncle, and great uncle to his late parents Sidney and Frances, brother Philip (Deb), nephews Ryan (Lauren), Brandon (Ellie), and Trevor (Erin), and their children Jenna, Logan, Kelyn, Skyler, and Theodore. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Jeffrey was an accomplished photojournalist and photographer who settled in Washington DC after a successful career as a recognized securities portfolio manager for over twenty years. His work was published in local, US, and international magazines, as well as online. He was a regular contributor to the Georgetowner Newsletter and a credentialed photographer on Capitol Hill. You can find many of his photos at Maletphoto.com. Jeffrey was also the family historian and photographer, compiling an ancestral chart and filming most family events.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, June 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Silver Spring, MD. The family will be recieving after the funeral, as well as on Saturday and Sunday at the home of Philip and Deb Malet in Rockville, MD. Shiva service 6:30 p.m., Sunday evening.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to JSSA (www.jssa.org/donate)

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PARVER



LEONARD MARTIN PARVER

Oct. 25, 1944 - May 29, 2023

On Monday, May 29, 2023, LEONARD M. "Len" PARVER, M.D.C.M., of McLean, VA, after a year-long courageous fight with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Dr. Parver was a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology. He was well-known in national and local medical communities of Ophthalmic Retina specialists, having practiced in this field for nearly 50 years. He was initially trained in ophthalmology at McGill University Medical School in Montreal, Canada, followed by specialization in retina and vitreous surgery with Dr. Harvey Lincoff at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and Dr. Ron Michaels at Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute. Dr. Parver then fulfilled his "Berry Plan" military commitment as a Navy Lieutenant Commander at Bethesda Naval Hospital (now Walter Reed National Military Medical Center) prior to opening his Retina Consultants medical practice in 1977, now part of Capital Eye Care. As an eye doctor, his passions were scientific research and caring for his patients. During his lengthy and distinguished career, Dr. Parver received numerous honors and achievements. He was the co-founder and past President of the Washington Academy of Ophthalmology, a Heed Fellow, a member of the prestigious American Ophthalmological Society (AOS), a member of the Retina, Vitreous, and Macula Societies and a member of the Cosmos Club. He also was named Washingtonian Magazine's "Top Doctor" multiple times. Faculty appointments included Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at Georgetown University and Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Wilmer Eye Institute. Other appointments included Founder and Director of the National Eye Trauma and Suburban Hospital Eye Trauma Services, past member of the Board of Directors of Prevent Blindness America (formerly NSPB) and most recently, Research Consultant at the National Institutes of Health working with Dr. Alan Schechter, Molecular Medicine Branch, NIDDK, studying the effects of nitric oxide in the eye. He was the Principal Investigator and co-Principal Investigator of several NIH grants and the lead author and co-author of over 50 peer-reviewed scientific journal publications and abstracts. In addition to being deeply missed by hundreds of grateful patients over his many years of providing them with caring services, Len will be forever in the hearts and minds of his beloved family. Dearest wife of 55 years, Corrine Propas Parver, darling son, Dr. David Leland Parver (Maya Beth Godofsky), sweetest daughter, Deborah Gayle Parver Oremland, Esq. (Ryan Banks Oremland) and most precious and brilliant grandchildren, Lia Rose Oremland, Noa Ruby Parver, Talia Mae Parver and Robert Daniel "Bobby" Oremland, dear brother, Ronald Parver (Molly Fitzgerald) and loving nieces, Allison Parver, PA (John Hoysgaard) and Dr. Victoria Parver (Dr. David Axelrod) and their children, Charlotte and Will. Len was the beloved son of the late Herman and Mildred Leibowitz Parver. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2023, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Sinai, 3100 Military Road, NW, Washington, DC 20015. Interment following at Judean Memorial Gardens, Olney, MD. Shiva will be observed at the family home on Thursday and Saturday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. with services at 7:30 p.m. each evening. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 202-541-1001.

SHIPPS



KARL OLIN SHIPPS (Age 68)

On May 26, 2023, Lieutenant Commander Karl Olin Shipps (ret.), of New Carrolton, MD, passed away due to complications with his heart. He lived a life of service and adored his family. Karl had a keen and disciplined intellect, and studied physics, history, and engineering at Rice University, the University of Hamburg, and Johns Hopkins University. He spent his career with the Defense Department, including as a submariner with the U.S. Navy. Karl was an active parishioner at St. Mary's Catholic Church (Landover Hills, MD), and contributed to his community in numerous ways, including by volunteering with Special Olympics. He is survived by his wife, Anne; his siblings, Tom, Mary-Ellen, and Frank (Bede); his daughters, Joan, Ruth, and Grace; and his granddaughters, Ophelia and Alice. Karl's memorial service will take place at St. Dominic's Catholic Church (630 E St. SW, Washington, D.C.) on Saturday, June 3, at 2:00 p.m. A light reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to the Arc of Prince George's County (Largo, MD); the organization supports the development and livelihoods of people with disabilities.

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SPRIGGS



CHARLES H. SPRIGGS
July 3, 1930 ~ June 1, 2017

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yesterday, today, and incessantly.
Forever, your beloved wife, **Brenda**

DEATH NOTICE

CHERRY



JOHNNY LEE CHERRY
FEBRUARY 21, 1951 ~ MAY 22, 2023

Johnny Lee Cherry, a devoted husband, son, brother, father and grandfather, is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Juanita along with his children and grandchildren and a host of family and friends. He will be remembered for his ability to communicate with everyone. Mr. Cherry will lie in state at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 215 Rhode Island Ave., NW on Monday, June 5 from 10 a.m. until service at 11 a.m. Interment at Maryland National Cemetery.

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KASEY



ROBERT M. KASEY

Mr. Robert M. Kasey, 82, of Fairfax, VA passed away peacefully on May 26, 2023 at his home surrounded by family. Robert retired from J.O. Wilson Elementary School in N.E. Washington, DC and Safeway in McLean, VA. He is survived by his devoted wife of 50 years, Gloria Ross Kasey of Arlington, VA. Loving father of Andrea and Angela Kasey. Also survived by two sisters-in-law Deborah Parker and Cynthia Link (Albert); brothers-in-law Darrell Ross and Chris J. Easley (Nancy); as well as nephews, nieces, and a host of friends. His funeral service will be held on June 3, 2023 at Bedford Funeral Home, 1039 Rock Castle Rd., Bedford, VA. Visitation 11 a.m., Service 12 noon. Interment will be held in the Payne Family Cemetery Bedford, VA. Arrangements by Bedford Funeral Home.

KINNEY



JEROME FRANK KINNEY III

Jerome F. Kinney III ("Jerry") passed away on May 13, 2023, at his home in Bethesda, Maryland. He was a residential real estate developer in suburban Maryland at the age of 93. He is survived by his wife, Carole Steadman Kinney and three children, Jef Kinney (Mary), Ryan Kinney (Demi), and Kirstin Bryan (Mike). His oldest daughter, Julie Kinney pre-deceased him in 2020. Jerry Kinney also leaves three grandchildren, Will Kinney, Lacey and Chase Bryan, to carry on his legacy. A private memorial service will be held in June. A full obituary can be found at josephgawlers.com

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DEATH NOTICE

NEWMAN



ANN ELIZABETH NEWMAN (Age 72)

Transitioned on May 17, 2023. Beloved wife of Milton, mother of Keith and the late Dewayne Newman. Also surviving are a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing, 9 a.m. until 10 a.m., Monday, June 5, 2023, Thornton Funeral Home, 3439 Livingston Road, Indian Head, MD 20640. Mass follows, 11 a.m., St. Mary's Piscataway Catholic Church, 13401 Piscataway Road, Clinton, MD 20735. Interment, Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton, Maryland 20735.

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BERRY

FLORINE BLUMBERG BERRY

Florine Blumberg Berry, 89, of Bethesda, Md., died Thursday, May 25, 2023. A private graveside service for the family will be held Thursday, June 1, 2023. Florine is preceded in death by both her parents, Abraham and Elizabeth Blumberg, and her brothers, Leroy and Marvin Blumberg. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Dr. F. Norman Berry, and two children, Dr. Jonathan (Amy) Berry and Mindy Berry. She also leaves behind two grandchildren, Parker Berry and Joshua (Rachel) Sommer, two great grandchildren, Sam and Sasha Sommer, and many loving nieces, cousins and friends.

Born April 9, 1934, in Atlantic City, N.J., to Abraham and Elizabeth, Florine graduated from Atlantic City High School where she began dating her husband in 1948. Following her high school graduation, Florine attended Temple University in Philadelphia and received a bachelor's degree in health sciences in 1956. She was married later that same year and moved with Norman to Boston where she worked as a medical technician at the Lahey Clinic, a teaching facility of Harvard and Tufts University, while Norman took classes at Harvard University. The couple then moved to Oklahoma City to allow Norman to continue his studies before moving back to Philadelphia where he attended medical school at the University of Pennsylvania. Jonathan was born during the family's time in Oklahoma City and Mindy in Philadelphia. Following the completion of Norman's OB/GYN residency at the University of Pennsylvania, Florine and the family moved to Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico. There, Norman served as Deputy Hospital Commander after being drafted into the Vietnam War. Following military service, the family moved to Beverly Hills, CA for her husband to continue work in the medical field at UCLA and Cedars-Sinai Hospitals. The family eventually settled in Bethesda where they lived for the last several decades of her life. In addition to being a loving wife and mother, Florine was an avid tennis player and devoted much of her time to assisting her husband in his medical pursuits and volunteering in educational activities.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Charles E. Smith Life Communities of Maryland in Florine's honor (www.smithlifecommunities.org/giving).

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FLEISCHMAN



ELISABETH CLAUDY FLEISCHMAN
"Lisa"

Elisabeth "Lisa" Claudy Fleischman, 64, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, and Teton Village, Wyoming, passed away in her home on Saturday, May 27, 2023, after a five-year battle with cancer. She was surrounded by family and loved ones.

Lisa was born in Washington, DC, in 1958 to Donald Edwin Claudy and Elizabeth Osborne Claudy. Her brother Peter was born three years later. After Washington, the family lived in Hudson, Ohio, Greenwich, Connecticut, and London, England, following Mr. Claudy's law career at Covington & Burling, Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, and Standard Oil, later called Exxon. Lisa attended St. Paul's Girl's School in London before moving to St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, for her final years of high school. Lisa is predeceased by her mother, father, and brother.

Lisa attended Harvard College where she graduated cum laude with a concentration in Psychology. She dedicated her career to consulting for and supporting non-profit institutions, receiving both a Master's in Public and Private Management and a Master's in Business Administration from Yale University. She worked in philanthropic consulting for Brakeley, John Price Jones, Thomas Harris & Associates, and J.C. Geever & Co. before joining the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, as the Assistant Director of Development. Thereafter, Lisa worked tirelessly to support non-profits directed at women's development, art, and the environment with organizations such as the Washington Area Women's Foundation, Green Door, the Grand Teton National Park Foundation, the National Museum of Wildlife Art, and the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

Lisa met her husband, Charles ("Chuck") Mark Fleischman, when they were both sophomores at Harvard College. This past March marked 45 years since their first date. The two married in June 1988. As a couple, Lisa and Chuck were a team in every sense of the word. They were always aligned on their vision for their family and balanced each other out in everything from their interests, to their talents, and to their music taste. Together, Chuck and Lisa created a loving home for their two children, son Philip born in 1991, and daughter Joan in 1994. Her children were the greatest joy in her life.

The family raised their children in Chevy Chase, Maryland, as Chuck's work brought him to the Washington, DC, area to serve as President and CFO of Digene Corporation. Chuck and Lisa sent their kids to Sidwell Friends School, a community which Lisa loved dearly. She served multiple stints as head of the Parent's Association at Sidwell, constantly striving to promote the school's values of education and love for all members of the school.

Throughout Lisa's life, she found friendship and solace in the arts. She loved to sing, play piano, and listen to music. In high school and college she acted in plays and musicals. She then dedicated much of her professional life to working with museums and other organizations championing the arts, and specifically women in the arts. Her most recent efforts included a feature on Five Wyoming Women Artists to Watch which was published by the Wyoming Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts. This piece can be found here. (https://wywf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/WYWomenArtistsToWatch.pdf)

Chuck and Lisa also built a community around their home in Teton Village, Wyoming. Avid lovers of the outdoors, the two found incredible friends on the slopes of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort and on the hiking trails of Grand Teton National Park. Lisa combined her love of the outdoors, the arts, and giving back with her work in this community. She served multiple terms on the board of the Grand Teton National Park Foundation and worked as a docent for the National Museum of Wildlife Art.

What is harder to put into words than Lisa's many accomplishments is the goodness she brought to the world in everything she did. She was graceful and selfless and wholeheartedly committed to the people in her life. She emanated love and light in her every gesture and she was constantly looking to build bridges and provide love to those around her. To know her was to feel awash in her sense of righteousness, her desire for good, and her lifelong journey to make the world a better place. With the loss of Lisa, the world has lost a woman who was pure in her devotion to her friends and family, but also to the greater wellbeing of us all. Her family is left without its North Star and emotional anchor, but trusts that the values she instilled will guide them in her absence.

Lisa is survived by her husband Chuck, her son Philip, and her daughter Joan; her sister-in-law Patricia Claudy Schade, nephew Henry Claudy, and niece India Claudy; sister-in-law Janet Fleischman, brother-in-law Joel Solomon, niece Shayna Solomon, and niece Jamie Solomon.

Celebrations of Lisa's life will be held in Washington, DC and Jackson, WY.

In lieu of flowers, please take a minute to honor Lisa's spirit by helping someone else in need, or consider donating to these institutions that were so important to Lisa and to the well-being of the entire world: Grand Teton National Park, National Museum of Women in the Arts, National Museum of Wildlife Art.
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HALL



MELISSA ANN MONTEFIORE HALL
January 20, 1957 - February 13, 2023

Melissa Ann Montefiore Hall, of Washington, DC, a trailblazing professional publicist who made her mark in the early days of National Geographic Television's entry into cable TV, passed away after a short illness on February 13, 2023. Melissa was born in Fairview Park, Ohio, on January 20, 1957, and grew up in Bethesda, Maryland. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications. Melissa worked her way through college as a waitress at Sir Walter Raleigh's restaurant and became an accomplished photojournalist for UMD's newspaper, The Diamondback. After graduation, Melissa went to work in the Publicity Department for Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and in 1985 joined National Geographic Television (NGTV). Melissa's first assignment was to help launch the EXPLORER series on Turner Broadcasting System (TBS). She took on many high-profile publicity projects, including the cable television premiere of Robert Ballard's discovery of the wreck of the doomed ship Titanic. Melissa was part of the NGTV team that helped launch the Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival, the largest international wildlife film festival in the nation. She was at the heart and soul of this festival through her last year at NGTV. As a Director, Public Relations, her contributions to NGTV became important on the national and global cable TV landscape, the wildlife film festival circuit, and the international marketing and publicity of the documentary television and home video businesses. Melissa left NGTV in 2002 to start a family. She was incredibly proud of her entire family, especially her son Spencer William Hall, who is now a rising sophomore at Vanderbilt University. Along with Spencer, Melissa is survived by a brother, Gregg Montefiore of Los Angeles, CA; a sister, Andrea Montefiore Byars of Lexington, SC; and all four of her talented nieces and nephews. A celebration of Melissa's life will take place Saturday, June 10, 2023; the Visitation with the family will start at 10:30 a.m. and Memorial service starts at 11 a.m. at Annunciation Catholic Church, 3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20016. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions in Melissa Montefiore Hall's name be made to the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine, 701 Fort Washington Avenue at 190th Street, New York, NY 10040.

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PEDERSEN



GEORGE J. PEDERSEN
(Age 87)

George J. Pedersen of McLean, Virginia passed away on Monday, May 22, 2023 with his loving family by his side. Surrounded by his loving family, George J. Pedersen passed away peacefully on Monday, May 22, 2023. George is remembered as a larger than life visionary and entrepreneur. He was intensely devoted to his family, service to country, community and a patriot who answered the call to serve, protect and defend America's democratic values – anytime, anywhere.

He was the only child of George and Helen Pedersen, growing up in the modest but idyllic Staten Island, New York oyster fishing town of Prince's Bay. George learned to become self-reliant and resilient at an early age. His mother passed away when he was nine and his father worked during the week in Jersey City. George was alone in Prince's Bay but remained under the watchful eye of a close-knit and gregarious community of neighbors and relatives who shared George's Norwegian background. As he would many times throughout his life, George confronted and overcame adversity starting as a young boy. At seven years old, he was injured and suffered near total hearing loss. George worked to overcome this difficulty by learning to read lips – his "superpower"– a skill that would prove advantageous throughout his business career.

George graduated in 1953 from Henry Snyder High School in Jersey City, New Jersey and began his first job at Vitro Corporation in the Woolworth Building in New York City. It was at Vitro Labs in New Jersey that he met his wife of 61 years Marilyn (Ames) Pedersen. He attended Jersey City Junior College and Rutgers University majoring in Finance and then Fordham University for classes in government contracting and negotiation. While attending night classes, he spent six years in the Army Reserves. In 1961 at the age of 26 he married Marilyn.

In 1968, when George and a coworker learned Vitro would be sold, they decided to strike out on their own and started ManTech – formed by the combination of "Management" and "Technology" – landing their first contract to provide modeling and simulation solutions for the U.S. Navy.

While running ManTech during the day, George supported his community of Morris Plains, New Jersey at night and on weekends as a volunteer firefighter. He was adept at putting out fires, something he would continue to do in the business world and in life. In 1976, ManTech was relocated to Northern Virginia to be close to federal government customers.

Over its 54-year history, ManTech has acquired more than 70 companies, eventually becoming a multibillion dollar company with 10,000 employees.

From 1968 until his retirement in 2022, George was at the helm of ManTech for more than 50 years. The company was built on a firm dedication to the customer, our nation's sovereignty and a strategic understanding of what services the government would need and where they would need them along with the ability to attract and retain talented and mission-focused people who could deliver both. Hiring veterans was a key differentiator for ManTech from the start and one that continues to play an important role at the company.

In addition to running the company, George testified on Capitol Hill, took ManTech public in 2002 and always made time to focus on one aspect of his core values that remain imprinted on ManTech – humanity and community. Among numerous philanthropic endeavors, George established the ManTech Special Assistance Fund to help employees who experienced significant unexpected financial hardships; created a program to provide jobs for neurodiverse young adults from the Ivymount School in Rockville, Maryland; and supported Fisher House Foundation which is dedicated to serving disabled combat veterans and their families. Together with Marilyn, George partnered with Johns Hopkins to create the Pedersen Brain Science Institute (BSI), whose mission is to solve fundamental questions about brain development, function and disease and translate this knowledge into effective therapies to support brain health and healing.

George will long be remembered for his ethics, tenacity, generosity, compassion, hard work and success. He was a force of nature, yet never forgot his humble roots and who he grew up with. His love of the ManTech family was second only to the love of his own family. He is survived by his wife Marilyn; three daughters, Chris Lancaster (husband Brian Lancaster), Jenny Warren (husband Kent Warren) and Maggie Pedersen; and three grandchildren, Eric Lancaster who is a ManTech employee (wife Abby Lancaster), Hailey Warren and Carson Warren.

He will be forever missed and never forgotten. His legacy and passion will leave a lasting impact on future generations for decades to come.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, June 4 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA, 22032. A funeral service at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA, 22101 will be held Monday, June 5 at 10 am, followed by burial at National Memorial Park, 7400 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA, 22042.

Memories of George and expressions of sympathy can be shared at https://www.fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com/obituaries/obituary-listings.

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Temperatures rise a notch

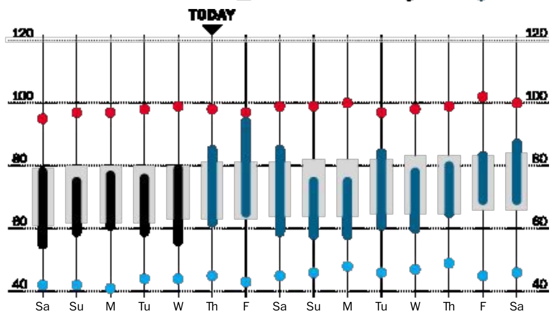


Maybe a few more clouds compared with Wednesday, but let's call it mostly sunny. Temperatures should continue their climb, toward highs in the mid-80s in most spots. Winds are likely to blow from the south and west about 5 to 10 mph.

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny	Partly sunny	T-storm	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Showers
85° 62°	94° 65°	85° 59°	75° 58°	75° 58°	84° 61°
FEELS*: 88°	FEELS: 97°	FEELS: 88°	FEELS: 76°	FEELS: 77°	FEELS: 86°
CHNCE PRECIP: 15%	P: 0%	P: 40%	P: 25%	P: 25%	P: 55%
WIND: ENE 6–12 mph	W: NNE 4–8 mph	W: E 6–12 mph	W: NE 6–12 mph	W: NE 6–12 mph	W: NW 3–6 mph
HUMIDITY: Moderate	H: Moderate	H: Moderate	H: Low	H: Low	H: Moderate

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Temperatures

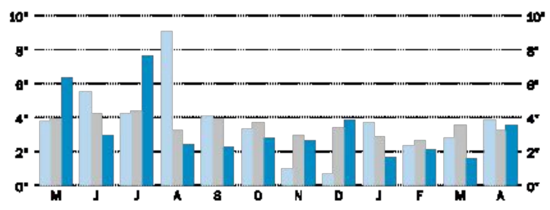


Statistics through 5 p.m. Wednesday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**79°** 3:25 p.m.	**80°** 3:33 p.m.	**80°** 3:10 p.m.
Low	**56°** 6:00 a.m.	**48°** 5:29 a.m.	**46°** 4:32 a.m.
Normal	80°/63°	79°/57°	80°/58°
Record high	99° 1991	94° 2022	97° 2011
Record low	44° 1938	37° 1984	40° 1996

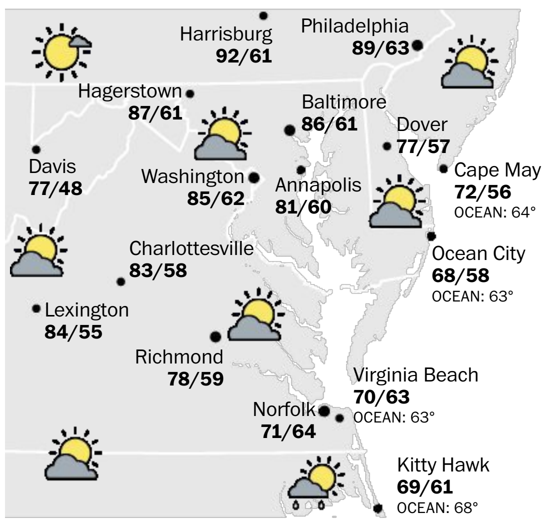
Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **–2.2°** yr. to date: **+3.5°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	1.34"	1.48"	0.55"
Normal	3.94"	4.72"	3.85"
Total this year	10.22"	9.98"	10.02"
Normal	16.13"	17.24"	17.23"

REGION



Pollen: High

Grass	High
Trees	Moderate
Weeds	Low
Mold	Moderate

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Extreme
11 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, partly sunny. High 64 to 74. Winds northeast 6–12 mph. Tonight, mainly clear, a shower. Low 53 to 57. Winds northeast 6–12 mph. Friday, partly sunny. High 69 to 78. Winds northeast 6–12 mph. Saturday, a thunderstorm.

Atlantic beaches: Today, partly sunny; a shower in the south this morning. High 68 to 75. Winds north–northeast 8–16 mph. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy; a shower in spots in the south. Low 55 to 64. Winds north–northeast 6–12 mph. Friday, partly sunny.

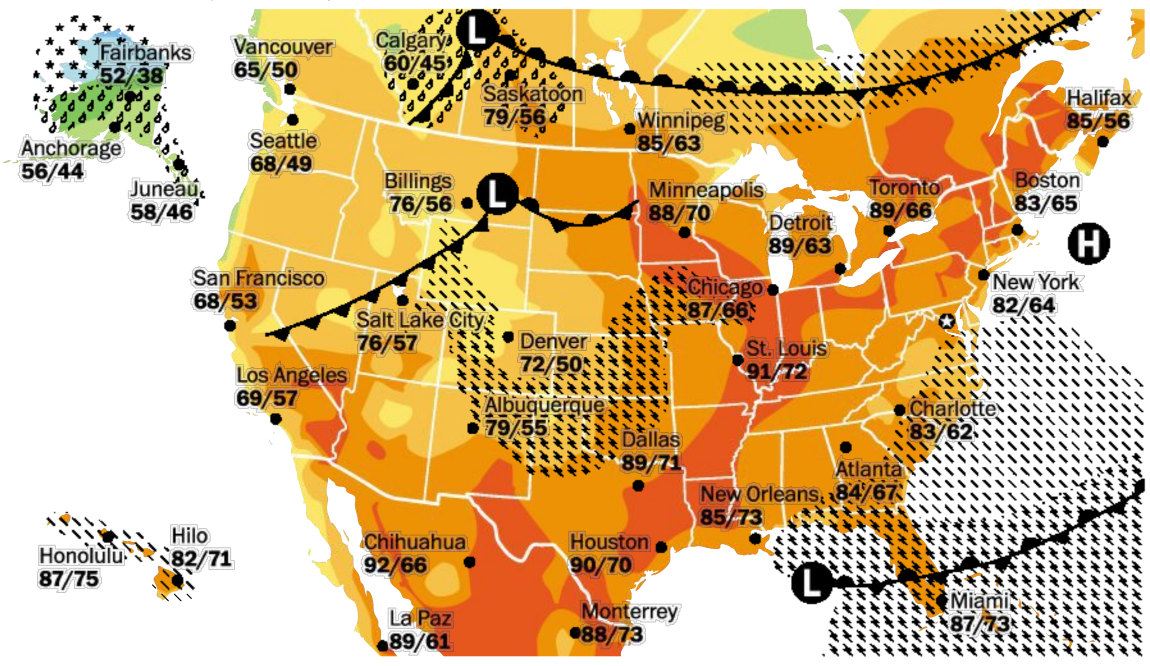
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, clouds giving way to sun. Wind northeast 6–12 knots. Waves less than a foot. Visibility clear. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, turning sunny. Wind northeast 6–12 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac; 1–3 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 3.00 feet today, with no change of 3.00 Friday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	12:37 a.m.	**6:30 a.m.**	1:43 p.m.	**6:59 p.m.**
Annapolis	**3:59 a.m.**	10:31 a.m.	**3:27 p.m.**	9:41 p.m.
Ocean City	**5:54 a.m.**	11:56 a.m.	**6:20 p.m.**	none
Norfolk	2:00 a.m.	**7:54 a.m.**	1:48 p.m.	**8:18 p.m.**
Point Lookout	6:47 a.m.	**11:43 a.m.**	5:21 p.m.	**none**

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front

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Yesterday's National
High: Presidio, TX **97°**
Low: Dillon, CO **28°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Podor, Senegal **114°**
Low: Grise Fiord, Canada **7°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	94/63/s	90/62/t
Albuquerque	79/55/s	76/57/c
Anchorage	56/44/r	52/46/r
Atlanta	84/67/pc	84/65/pc
Austin	90/67/pc	90/67/pc
Baltimore	86/61/pc	92/62/pc
Billings, MT	76/56/t	64/53/r
Birmingham	87/67/sh	88/68/pc
Bismarck, ND	89/66/t	88/63/t
Boise	79/52/c	80/54/s
Boston	83/65/pc	84/53/t
Buffalo	90/64/s	84/62/pc
Burlington, VT	95/64/s	87/60/sh
Charleston, SC	82/66/pc	81/65/pc
Charleston, WV	87/55/s	89/60/pc
Charlotte	83/62/pc	84/59/pc
Cheyenne, WY	65/47/t	65/44/t
Chicago	87/66/t	89/64/s
Cincinnati	87/64/s	91/66/s
Cleveland	88/62/s	87/64/s
Dallas	89/71/s	90/70/s
Denver	72/50/t	71/49/t
Des Moines	85/67/t	87/66/t
Detroit	89/63/s	89/64/pc
El Paso	88/68/pc	88/63/s
Fairbanks, AK	52/38/r	50/38/c
Fargo, ND	91/69/t	90/67/t
Hartford, CT	91/58/s	88/59/t
Honolulu	87/75/c	86/75/pc
Houston	90/70/t	92/71/s
Indianapolis	89/67/s	90/66/s
Jackson, MS	86/64/pc	90/65/t
Jacksonville, FL	80/65/t	82/65/t
Kansas City, MO	85/66/pc	85/65/t
Las Vegas	92/74/s	90/71/s
Little Rock	90/70/s	90/72/pc
Los Angeles	69/57/pc	70/57/pc
Louisville	89/68/t	94/67/s
Memphis	90/71/pc	91/71/pc
Miami	87/73/t	85/72/t
Milwaukee	82/61/t	81/62/s
Minneapolis	88/70/t	87/67/t
Nashville	85/66/t	92/64/pc
New Orleans	85/73/t	88/73/t
New York City	82/64/pc	89/62/s
Norfolk	71/64/pc	73/62/pc
Oklahoma City	80/64/t	82/63/t
Omaha	84/66/t	83/65/t
Orlando	84/71/t	85/68/t
Philadelphia	89/63/pc	92/66/s
Phoenix	91/72/s	94/73/s
Pittsburgh	89/60/s	90/64/s
Portland, ME	83/60/s	84/53/t
Portland, OR	74/50/pc	78/52/pc
Providence, RI	83/58/pc	83/54/t
Raleigh, NC	79/64/sh	83/61/pc
Reno, NV	76/52/pc	80/55/s
Richmond	78/59/pc	86/61/pc
Sacramento	84/54/s	88/56/s
St. Louis	91/72/t	93/72/t
St. Thomas, VI	89/79/pc	89/81/c
Salt Lake City	76/57/t	73/59/t
San Diego	66/59/c	67/58/pc
San Francisco	68/53/pc	69/53/pc
San Juan, PR	92/78/pc	92/78/t
Seattle	68/49/c	72/51/pc
Spokane, WA	72/52/pc	76/52/s
Syracuse	91/62/s	87/62/pc
Tampa	87/73/t	84/73/t
Wichita	78/65/t	82/65/t

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
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Amsterdam	61/46/c	65/51/pc
Athens	80/65/t	76/61/c
Auckland	66/58/sh	64/53/r
Baghdad	100/74/s	103/77/pc
Bangkok	98/82/t	98/81/t
Beijing	92/64/pc	90/62/pc
Berlin	72/50/s	70/46/pc
Bogota	66/51/sh	69/48/pc
Brussels	70/45/s	68/49/s
Buenos Aires	65/61/s	70/59/c
Cairo	100/79/c	107/75/s
Caracas	79/65/t	78/65/t
Copenhagen	69/48/s	64/47/s
Dakar	83/74/pc	83/74/pc
Dublin	63/48/s	63/46/s
Edinburgh	61/46/c	62/46/pc
Frankfurt	82/54/s	76/53/pc
Geneva	77/56/pc	79/56/t
Ham., Bermuda	76/71/r	75/72/r
Helsinki	55/36/pc	50/37/sh
Ho Chi Minh City	90/79/t	93/80/t
Hong Kong	92/83/t	93/84/t
Islamabad	79/66/t	90/68/pc
Istanbul	79/62/pc	79/64/c
Jerusalem	91/74/s	98/75/pc
Johannesburg	62/41/s	68/49/s
Kabul	77/51/pc	84/55/c
Kingston, Jam.	86/80/t	86/80/t
Kolkata	105/83/pc	104/83/pc
Kyiv	79/58/s	80/52/t
Lagos	87/77/t	85/76/t
Lima	74/67/s	75/67/pc
Lisbon	77/57/pc	78/59/pc
London	68/48/pc	69/46/pc
Madrid	72/56/t	72/56/t
Manila	92/80/t	90/79/r
Mexico City	85/57/s	87/60/c
Montreal	92/68/s	85/56/sh
Moscow	72/48/c	74/47/sh
Mumbai	94/84/s	94/86/pc
Nairobi	76/59/sh	76/59/sh
New Delhi	93/72/c	94/74/pc
Oslo	67/41/pc	67/46/pc
Ottawa	94/64/s	87/58/s
Paris	82/52/s	73/52/s
Prague	78/50/pc	70/44/pc
Rio de Janeiro	76/67/s	75/68/pc
Riyadh	102/81/pc	102/81/pc
Rome	77/60/pc	77/60/pc
San Salvador	85/70/t	88/72/t
Santiago	65/45/pc	61/45/r
Sarajevo	70/54/t	73/55/t
Seoul	81/60/pc	81/59/pc
Shanghai	86/70/pc	94/68/pc
Singapore	88/80/t	90/80/c
Stockholm	56/37/pc	57/37/pc
Sydney	74/55/pc	69/56/pc
Taipei City	86/76/r	95/76/r
Tehran	93/72/s	94/72/s
Tokyo	76/68/pc	75/66/r
Toronto	89/66/s	89/66/pc
Vienna	80/54/pc	80/52/pc
Warsaw	79/52/s	63/42/s

Moon Phases

June 3	June 10	June 18	June 26
Full	Last Quarter	New	First Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	5:45 a.m.	8:27 p.m.
Moon	6:02 p.m.	3:55 a.m.
Venus	8:58 a.m.	11:49 p.m.
Mars	9:56 a.m.	12:18 a.m.
Jupiter	3:54 a.m.	5:17 p.m.
Saturn	1:37 a.m.	12:35 p.m.

Key: s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); airnow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

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CAPITAL WEATHER GANG

Summer heat likely to be tolerable but still fairly toasty

BY MATT ROSS

The month of May was cool and dry, with just a handful of 80-degree days, and none hitting 90. Bouts of summery weather were short-lived, making for a refreshing month. But in the D.C. area, summer always wins; our first 90-degree day could arrive as soon as Friday.

Looking ahead to June through August, we anticipate plenty of heat and humidity. Still, we expect a summer fairly similar to the past two, which were not especially brutal. They were close to average, without the relentless heat that is the hallmark of our most memorably oppressive summers. Neither summer saw the mercury reach the century mark.

Assuming summer temperatures are close to normal, it's worth noting that our "new normal" summer is hotter than it was a few decades ago. The area's average high between July 6 and 27 is about 90 degrees, whereas it was previously in the upper 80s. Human-caused climate change has boosted average temperatures by over 1 degree in the past 30 years.

Our recent lack of rain has the region teetering on the edge of drought. We don't see signs of severe drought as we head toward near-to-above-average rainfall in the summer months. But predicting summer precipitation weeks to months ahead of time is challenging.

When putting together a summer outlook, it's also difficult to determine the signals for extreme warmth or cold (relative to average) that we sometimes see ahead of winter. As such, our outlook is of low to medium confidence. This kind of seasonal forecasting is experimental, and errors are possible.



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A man paddleboards on the Potomac River last July in 90-plus heat. Because of rising temperatures caused by climate change, the D.C. area's average high between July 6 and 27 is about 90 degrees, whereas a few decades ago it was in the upper 80s.

Summer outlook by the numbers

Summer average temperature: Overall temperatures should be around the 1991-to-2020 average, perhaps leaning slightly below.

Temperatures compared with average, month by month:

June: Average

July: Average to 1 degree below average

August: Average

Number of 90-degree days for June, July and August: We will probably swelter for 20 to 25 days, compared with an average of 34. Note that an additional six 90-degree days occur on average outside June to August.

Longest streak of 90-degree days: Five to seven days

Number of 100-degree days: Zero

Rainfall: Slightly above average

Methodology

In preparing this outlook we considered several factors, described below. We should note that any one factor doesn't necessarily correlate with a particular kind of summer (e.g., warm, cool, dry or wet).

Right now we are seeing a developing El Niño event that we expect to strengthen throughout the summer.

The presence of either El Niño or La Niña in the tropical Pacific Ocean sometimes makes predicting summer conditions easier, as El Niños can favor cooler summers, while La Niñas favor hotter summers.

In addition to El Niño, we considered the current phase of the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (which has been persistently negative) and predecessor weather patterns from the spring. These inputs informed the identification of analogues, or years with similar weather patterns, that we used in forming our outlook.

In this case, the summers of 1951, 1963, 1972, 2002 and 2009 emerged as the best analogues. The weather during those summers was given loose consideration in our projections for the one that is about to begin.

Review of our winter outlook

Winter is now a distant memory, but we always grade our winter outlooks.

Looking back at what we forecast in November, our outlook performed somewhat poorly. Despite our call for 6 to 18 inches of snow throughout the region, we had practically none, along with historically mild temperatures.

Temperature review:

With temperatures, we not only make a seasonal forecast but also break down that forecast by month. Not all outlooks do this.

While we consider it important to get right the overall temperature difference from normal, the average monthly temperature is not just an afterthought; it is an integral part of our outlook.

We predicted that the overall winter temperature would end up about 1 degree above average, and it finished 4.3 degrees above the norm. Thus, even though we predicted a slightly warmer than normal winter, it ended up quite warmer than predicted because of a super warm January and February.

Our month-by-month predictions were lousy:

We predicted December to be 1 degree above average, and it finished 1.6 degrees below average. Not a good call.

We said January would finish at normal to 1 degree below average, and it finished a whopping 7.7 degrees above average. Big miss.

We predicted that February would finish 2 degrees above average, and it ended up 6.7 degrees above average. While we underestimated the extent of the warmth, this was an okay call, especially when compared with the previous two months.

We give ourselves a C-minus for the overall winter temperature prediction and a D for the month-to-month predictions, for a combined grade of D-plus.

Snowfall review:

Our snowfall prediction was bad, though we did correctly call for below-normal snow or about 50 percent of normal in most places. Nonetheless, with just a trace to 2 inches falling across most of the area, our forecast fell well short.

We give ourselves a C on our snow call. While we didn't predict the near shutout, we did correctly predict that snowfall would be meaningfully below normal.

Summary:

Overall, it was a mediocre to poor winter outlook, which failed to correctly predict the intensity of the warmth and the lack of snow. We give ourselves a C-minus for the outlook.

Jason Samenow contributed to this report.

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Questions surround newspaper at VMI

Virginia Press Association is investigating whether its awards entry was tainted

BY PAUL FARHI

When the Virginia Press Association handed out its annual journalism awards in early May, the big winner was a little college newspaper. The Cadet, produced by students at the Virginia Military Institute, took home the top prize — for "Journalistic Integrity and Community Service" — for editorials and articles about the school's contentious diversity issues.

The Cadet was the first student paper to win the integrity prize in the 75 years since the association started awarding it. Making its victory all the sweeter was the fact that the paper, moribund since 2016, had just been revived in 2021 as an independent publication.

But what started out as a story of young amateurs beating the pros has taken on new coloring in the weeks since the Cadet's edi-

SEE VMI ON C3

'Succession' anxiety can be reality

BY LEO SANDS

"Succession," the HBO show charting the relentless infighting, deceit and unhappiness across generations of the powerful Roy family, may be over. These challenges, however, remain very real for the ultrarich and their heirs, mental health professionals say.

There are obvious upsides to a life born into immense wealth, but the prospect of inheriting unimaginable sums can strain personal relationships, erode self-confidence and trap a person in a near-permanent state of dependence, say therapists and wealth consultants who work with the heirs of the ultrarich. Many of them recognized the characters portrayed in "Succession" from their therapy work.

"I always felt like I was at work, watching the show," said Clay Cockrell, a psychotherapist who specializes in treating wealthy individuals and

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BOOK WORLD

Mail opens up a family mystery

BY LAUREN ELKIN

One snowy morning in January 2003, the French writer Anne Berest's mother, Lélia Picabia, received a postcard in the mail. It was an ordinary tourist's postcard, with an image of the Opera Garnier on the front. On the back, all that was written besides Lélia's address were four names: Ephraim, Emma, Noémie and Jacques.



THE POSTCARD
By Anne Berest, translated by Tina Kover
Europa Editions. 464 pp. $28

These are the names of Lélia's grandparents, aunt and uncle, all of whom died at Auschwitz in 1942. Who could have sent such a thing? Who was there left alive who even knew those names? The family was shocked, but in time, they managed to forget about it.

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LISA WALKER

Dave Grohl, center, and his band Foo Fighters play on Tuesday, the opening night of Atlantis, which is modeled after the original 9:30 Club.

Riffs of nostalgia as Foo Fighters christen Atlantis

The band that can fill stadiums floods the new D.C. music venue with the sounds and the spirit of aspirational rock-and-roll

BY TRAVIS M. ANDREWS

At 9:38 p.m. — eight minutes past being a little *too* tidy a time for storytelling purposes — a rising tide of phones filled the Atlantis as Peter Stahl of the 1980s D.C. hardcore band Scream began thrashing about the stage while Foo Fighters (led by former Scream drummer Dave Grohl) banged out Bad Brains' "At the Atlantis," the first song christening the new D.C. rock club that's a kinda-sorta replica of an old rock club that was kinda sorta revived one time already, just around the corner from where this newest club was.

Yeah.

It's all a bit confusing.

But such is the Atlantis, the newest venue in the general I.M.P. family (9:30 Club, the Anthem, Lincoln Theatre, Merriweather Post Pavilion), which opened Tuesday night with a show by Foo Fighters — who also opened the Anthem and reopened 9:30 Club after its pandemic shutdown.

With a capacity of 450 and walls dripping with nostalgia, it's meant to evoke the original 9:30 Club (which was originally called the Atlantis) at 930 F St. NW, a tiny rock club (199 capacity) in pre-gentrification downtown D.C. with an outsize influence that hosted acts such as Nirvana and R.E.M. and that was an early incubator for the city's punk scene. If the Anthem looks like the current 9:30 Club blown up three sizes, the Atlantis is it in miniature.

It's not a replica. I.M.P. chairman Seth Hurwitz noted *that smell* is gone, and there are fewer rats. Anyhow, how could it be the same? The cultural world has mostly moved on from rock, so the club probably won't serve as an incubator for new acts, at least not the way the old one did, when guitar-based rock bands dominated the charts and airwaves. Instead, it'll be a place for the remaining rock fans to go and relive the past, even if it can never be quite the same.

Case in point: Replacing the infamous pole that blocked views of the stage at the original is a single

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If the Anthem looks like the current 9:30 Club blown up three sizes, the Atlantis, pictured, which has a capacity of 450, is it in miniature. However, it's not a replica. I.M.P. chairman Seth Hurwitz notes *that smell* is gone, and there are fewer rats.

As Foo Fighters take the stage at Atlantis, ethos of D.C.'s rock past surfaces

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spotlight that will shine before shows to memorialize it. An actual, less obstructive pole, sits nearby. Case in point No. 2: the replica of the original street corner on the venue's rooftop, complete with real newsstands (for reasons unknown, The Washington Post's features the paper from the day Mayor Marion Barry was arrested on cocaine charges), covered in the ever-oxymoronic sanctioned graffiti.

So, it's all a bit incongruous, a fact Grohl couldn't help but mention throughout Tuesday's show. He loved seeing the pole, topped with the crow's nest where someone used to sit and film shows. He delighted in the desk at the entrance, like at the original. But then he "went to the bathroom, and they had hand dryers, and I thought, 'This was all wrong.'" That's the thing with progress. It changes things. Remanufacturing something *authentic* isn't possible.

"This is the new old 9:30 Club. The 9:45 Club," Grohl joked at one point. Later, he added, "I feel like this is the 9:30 Disney, 9:30 the ride."

And it's clear. This is supposed to be a place for *alternative* rock and *alternative* people, a place to catch unknown bands before they blow up, a fact Hurwitz stated (and restated) several times at that morning's news conference (which featured the unveiling of a statue in Grohl's likeness and Mayor Muriel E. Bowser, Grohl and Hurwitz cutting a guitar string to open the place). But it debuted with one of the biggest acts in music playing to a crowd dressed appropriately for a Nationals game and drinking $10 beers from reusable cups.

Does any of that matter? Certainly not to the fans. Should it? Not for us to say.

And did it stop the Foo Fighters from playing as hard as Michael Jordan in Game 6, loud enough to literally shake the flooring for nearly 2½ hours?

Of course not.



JIM SAAH



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Foo Fighters, above, play a 2½-hour set to open Atlantis. At left, fans, some of whom wear shirts to honor the band's late drummer, Taylor Hawkins, wait in hopes of getting a ticket.

Four hundred and fifty people is fewer than you think, especially spread out among two floors. The place gets packed tight, but no matter where you stand, you probably have at least some view of the band. Instead, the Foo Fighters fans became fast friends, swapping stories of their favorite Grohl interviews, buying each other beers — even though, as a cop from Herndon grumbled at one point, "They don't have anything over 5 percent."

The crowd spent about two hours pre-gaming, more than ready when Foo Fighters (and their brief guest, Stahl) took the stage. Grohl was in his usual jovial mood — you have to be if you're going to be the ambassador of rock, which seems to be his calling these days — dumping water on his long locks, repeatedly exclaiming how long and loud the show would be, delighting himself by diving into Foghat's "Slow Ride" in the middle of "Breakout."

Mostly, he screamed and headbanged his way through the long set of hit after hit — think: "Learn to Fly," "This Is a Call," "The Pretender," "My Hero," "Monkey Wrench," "Best of You" — with the endurance of a seasoned athlete, an energy eventually far outpacing the crowd.

Grohl's always bantered with the audience, which, as it turns out, works much better when the room is tiny. But the primary target of his lighthearted jokes throughout the night was Hurwitz himself, the D.C. live music mogul who watched from a corner balcony like an emperor. "I'd love to sit here and talk all night, but then I'd sound like that a--hole," Grohl joked, gesturing to him. Later, he let Hurwitz play drums on "Big Me," claiming he was bribed 20 bucks to do so. Up went the phones.

Mostly manning the drums all night was Josh Freese, the in-demand session drummer who has done stints with Guns N' Roses and Nine Inch Nails, among other alt-rock acts. Earlier in May, he was announced as the newest addition to Foo Fighters, following the unexpected death of the band's longtime drummer, Taylor Hawkins, last March.

If you didn't know the tragic news of Hawkins passing, you probably wouldn't have known anything was different throughout the show: The band played like the tight stadium rock band they are, despite this being one of the first shows with Freese.

Though shirts featuring Hawkins's likeness abounded in the crowd, Grohl didn't mention him until the end of their set, when, before launching into the emotional slow jam "Aurora," he said in the evening's rare moment of solemnity: "Not a day goes by where we don't think about it and talk about it. So this one's for Taylor."

If you want to know the real state of the Foo Fighters as they begin to play shows again following the death of Hawkins, you'd be better served looking *outside* of the Atlantis. Right outside, where the day started early for some on a chilly, overcast late-May morning, were a scattering of diehard Foo Fanatics lounging along the brick wall of 9:30 Club in foldout patio chairs, desperate to be on the rails at the show, hoping to catch a glimpse of Grohl and crew (a hope rewarded by that 10:30 a.m. news conference).

Among them was the ticketless Chelsea Cederbaum, 36, who drove in from Gaithersburg in hopes of finding one. At one point, she said she had one in her digital shopping cart but was greeted with ERROR. She suspects her account was mistakenly labeled as a bot, because she was signed in on two devices. Not so, yelled the excitable 27-year-old Donny Shapiro, who overheard and asked her to repeat what time she got denied. May 8, 7:45. "I GOT YOUR TICKET!" he shouted. But they weren't in competition with each other; she was happy for him, and he was rooting for her. Ticketmaster is a broken system, they explained.

Nine hours later, Shapiro was second in line to enter the venue — he got his rail — which looked like the line for any 9:30 Club show, not a show featuring a stadium rock band playing a closet. Cederbaum was in a separate second line, one the fans without tickets formed as democratically as they could, placing themselves in order of how early they arrived, the first person in line having first dibs on any available tickets.

Only one person in line seemed to be bending the rules, as he waved more than $2,000 in stacked and bound C-notes, offering it in exchange for a ticket. Another guy countered with an offer of $20,000. It was unclear whether he was joking.

You'd think this would be the most dour line this side of a slaughterhouse queue, but it was pure joy. Merely being in the vicinity of their favorite band was worth it. Cederbaum got a guitar pick from them. *Totally worth it!* John and Joyce Manocchi, an early-60s California-based couple who are following the band Deadhead-style in honor of Hawkins, flew in *without tickets* in hopes they'd be able to snag a pair. When it became pretty clear it wasn't happening, they didn't mind. "We got here early this morning for the statue unveiling, which was awesome," John said. "So we got to see some good stuff."

For those outside, the chance to reminisce with other fans, to *maybe* catch a glance of the band, was enough.

"It's a good Foos crowd. I think all the people are just good people, because they start with the band," John said. "The band's such good people all around, helping the homeless, helping people get musical instruments. They're just a bunch of good, good brothers."

Inside, hours later, those good brothers hammered out the evening's last note at midnight on the dot, finishing with a frequent closer, this time in one of the smallest venues they'll ever play: their 1997 signature song "Everlong," in which Grohl sings:

And I wonder
When I sing along with you
If everything could ever be
this real forever
If anything could ever be this
good again

The lyrics felt particularly poignant in this "9:30 Disney," especially when you look at the lineup of the 44 bands playing the first 44 shows, bands such as Pixies, Modern English, Yo La Tengo, Bush, Billy Idol, X and Third Eye Blind, bands who might have one day actually played the original 9:30 Club in hopes of breaking big.

Because the answer, as the audience knows, as Grohl certainly knows, is no. Nothing can be "this real" forever. But that isn't going to stop anyone from trying.

And maybe that's the point.

Project Veritas sues founder O'Keefe in the wake of his messy departure

BY WILL SOMMER

In February, conservative undercover-video activist James O'Keefe left the nonprofit he founded, Project Veritas, amid a dispute with his board over his spending and treatment of employees.

Then he launched his comeback media tour.

O'Keefe told Donald Trump adviser turned podcaster Stephen K. Bannon that he had been "removed," and announced on radio host Mark Levin's show that he had been "ousted." In an appearance on comedian Russell Brand's podcast, O'Keefe said he had been "thrown out." Sometimes, O'Keefe implied he had been fired at the behest of Pfizer, the pharmaceutical giant and coronavirus vaccine manufacturer that he had targeted in a sting.

All this came as a surprise to the Project Veritas board, according to a lawsuit it filed Wednesday against O'Keefe. Project Veritas insists that its founder remained an employee until barely two weeks ago — even as he set up a rival organization.

Now Project Veritas is alleging that O'Keefe broke a nondisparagement clause and other parts of his employment contract during his messy exit from the organization. The lawsuit, filed in the Southern District of New York, includes claims that O'Keefe spent large sums of donors' money on himself, allegedly including a $150,000 bill on luxury black-car service and $10,000 on a helicopter flight to Maine.

"Being known as the founder of an organization does not entitle that person to run amok and put his own interests ahead of that organization," the complaint reads.

O'Keefe did not respond to requests for comment. In a statement to The Washington Post, Project Veritas said it is "facing many challenges that are familiar to young organizations."

"We are making major changes internally due to the nature of our past interpersonal and managerial issues," the statement reads. "We are more committed than ever to producing great journalism that exposes the stubborn false narratives plaguing our society."

The lawsuit marks a new escalation in the battle between O'Keefe and the nonprofit he turned into a conservative powerhouse.

O'Keefe rose to prominence on the right in 2009, when he targeted left-wing organizing group ACORN with a sting that featured him dressed as a pimp. ACORN declared bankruptcy in the ensuing controversy, and O'Keefe and his videos aimed at perceived enemies of the right became fixtures on conservative media outlets such as Fox News.

But O'Keefe's rising celebrity masked dissatisfaction from some employees at Project Veritas, which he had founded as a nonprofit in 2010 to fund his stings. In February, unhappy employees presented the board with a list of allegations against O'Keefe, claiming he subjected staffers to what one described as a "public crucifixion" when he was displeased.

The board investigated allegations that O'Keefe screamed at his subordinates during meetings and used employees for personal errands, such as cleaning his boat, among other claims.

Employees also raised questions about O'Keefe's use of donor money, which the lawsuit alleges occasionally went to his first-class travel and luxury hotel stays. The board grew worried that O'Keefe's spending could put its nonprofit status in jeopardy with the Internal Revenue Service, according to a memo reported by The Post.

On Feb. 6, the board put O'Keefe on leave, prompting an outcry from allies in conservative media and the Republican Party. "Not sure what PV does without James," Donald Trump Jr. tweeted.

Even after O'Keefe was put on leave, Project Veritas claims in the lawsuit, O'Keefe used one of the organization's credit cards to spend about $19,000 on his personal expenses.

After leaving Project Veritas, O'Keefe quickly launched a rival undercover-camera operation called the O'Keefe Media Group, or "OMG." Project Veritas's lawsuit alleges that O'Keefe violated other provisions of his contract by attempting to recruit donors and employees from Project Veritas.

Project Veritas is also suing two former Project Veritas communications staffers, R.C. Maxwell and Anthony Iatropoulos. The lawsuit alleges the two men, like O'Keefe, used Project Veritas's resources to launch the competing group, and refused to return Project Veritas laptops they allegedly used to set up O'Keefe's new organization.

Fans say movie-rating campaign is trying to torpedo 'The Little Mermaid'

BY SAMANTHA CHERY

Now that "The Little Mermaid" has sailed into theaters, pillagers have started to attack. Since the movie's release on Friday, armchair critics have attempted to tank the Disney live-action film on major movie review sites, leading some fans to believe there's a racist undercurrent to what they're calling a "review bombing" attack.

In the years leading up to the movie's release, Disney was met with uproar after casting Halle Bailey, a Black actress and singer, as Ariel. Despite the vitriol, the latest in Disney's line of live-action films was a top performer in the box office since its Friday premiere. It earned $118 million domestically over Memorial Day weekend, making it the fifth-highest-grossing movie for the holiday weekend in history as the movie theater industry seeks to revive its pre-covid audience numbers.

But the highly anticipated film didn't appear to be highly favored on some movie review websites. IMDb decided to depart from its usual ratings method to give "The Little Mermaid" a 7 out of 10 rating after site visitors noticed the film's abnormal review patterns. About 16,000 users gave the Disney movie a one-star rating, the lowest possible score out of 10, which dropped the unweighted average (mean) rating to 4.7.

"Our rating mechanism has detected unusual voting activity on this title," a notice on IMDb said about "The Little Mermaid" on the site. "To preserve the reliability of our rating system, an alternate weighting calculation has been applied."



DISNEY/AP

Halle Bailey as Ariel in the live-action "Little Mermaid."

On the review website Metacritic, more than 550 of the 689 user ratings were negative, giving the movie an overall 2.1 out of 10, compared with a lukewarm 59 out of 100 rating from professional movie critics.

In contrast, review aggregation sites Rotten Tomatoes and CinemaScore, websites that verify that users have watched the movie they're rating, saw more positive scores for the new Disney movie. "The Little Mermaid" received a 95 percent audience rating out of more 5,000 verified reviews and a 68 percent "fresh" or mildly positive rating from critics on Rotten Tomatoes. On CinemaScore, the film received an "A."

Rotten Tomatoes, which calculates Tomatometer scores for movies and TV shows based on reviews from professional critics, revamped its audience score to be "made up of ratings from users we've confirmed bought tickets to the movie" to address nonconstructive input, the staff wrote in 2019.

CinemaScore's grades come from audience input through ballots, "polling moviegoers at major movie releases on opening night," according to its website.

Fans of "The Little Mermaid" suspect that those critical of having cast Bailey, a Black woman, as Ariel are to blame for the suspected review bombing and, in addition to counteracting the sea of negative scores with positive ones, called on IMDb to combat what they called a "disgusting" and "pathetic" practice.

"Review bombing" refers to when commenters flood a review page with low ratings, regardless of the work's quality. Representatives for the review aggregator sites IMDb, Metacritic, Rotten Tomatoes and CinemaScore did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

"The Lord of The Rings: The Rings of Power," "Black Panther" and "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" also faced a barrage of comments, seemingly tied to racially diverse casting.

"Captain Marvel" received negative reviews after actress Brie Larson asked for more diversity in her press pool of interviewers. She started requesting more inclusivity after noticing interviewers and movie critics were "overwhelmingly white male," Larson said when disabled journalist Keah Brown asked why she was requested to interview her for Marie Claire. "I decided to make sure my press days were more inclusive. . . . It sounded like across the board they [women of color] weren't getting the same opportunities as others."

Despite the backlash, "The Little Mermaid's" release went swimmingly, outperforming the opening of Disney's live-action "Aladdin," which also premiered Memorial Day weekend four years ago.

‘Senior mentor’ of VMI newspaper has sued school over diversity programs

VMI FROM **C1**

tors received a standing ovation at the awards banquet.

The press association is now investigating whether the paper's win was tainted by an undisclosed conflict of interest: the fact that the Cadet's "senior mentor" is a VMI alumnus who has waged a legal battle against the school diversity programs that the student journalists have been covering. The alum, Bob Morris, helped revive the paper in 2021 and heads the nonprofit foundation that underwrites it.

About a week after the awards, a news site called Cardinal News called attention to the Cadet's connections to Morris, a 1979 VMI graduate who has filed lawsuits over a state-ordered investigation of alleged discrimination at VMI and the school's adoption of a diversity, equity and inclusion program. Last week, the VPA's executive director told The Washington Post that the organization has hired an attorney to investigate its award decision.

"The question is: Did [the Cadet] win fairly, did it follow all our rules, and, if not, what should we do about it?" said Betsy Edwards, who directs the press association. "At this point, I don't have an answer."

Morris told The Post that the Cadet's VPA honors validate its work but did not respond to specific questions about his involvement.

The Cadet's failure to disclose the conflict posed by Morris's litigation, though, may not be the only problem with the Cadet's journalism.

One story submitted by the paper for the competition appears to have been partially plagiarized from a press release issued by a VMI alumni group, Protect Honor, that has generally opposed VMI's DEI initiatives. Though Protect Honor doesn't appear to list its founders or writers, its website domain is registered to Morris.

More than a dispute about a prize, however, the award controversy is framed by the long-running tensions inside VMI over its efforts to reconcile its unique history and proudly insular culture with contemporary notions of racial and gender fairness.



PARKER MICHELS-BOYCE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Members of the Class of 2021 at the Virginia Military Institute. The Cadet, produced by students at VMI, took home the top prize from the Virginia Press Association, which is now looking into the win.

Founded in 1839, VMI is the oldest state-supported military college in the nation. Most of its graduates who were living at the time fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War, and one of its most venerated figures has been Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, a former VMI professor. For generations, ranks of cadets marched under a prominent arch named for Jackson and saluted a statue of him on the parade grounds.

The school admitted its first Black students in 1968, the last public college in the state to do so. Women were admitted in 1997 after the Supreme Court ruled their exclusion was unconstitutional.

But allegations of discrimination have continued for years. Following a Washington Post investigation in October 2020 that revealed racist incidents at the school, then-Gov. Ralph Northam (D), himself a VMI alum, ordered an investigation of the school's racial climate and culture.

VMI subsequently removed the Jackson statue and hired its first Black superintendent, retired Army Maj. Gen. Cedric T. Wins, a 1985 VMI graduate. It also implemented a DEI program led by two Black women. All cadets are now required to take a 50-minute diversity-training session each year, according to school spokesman Bill Wyatt.

Those efforts have elicited pushback from White conservative VMI alums, via a political action committee called the Spirit of VMI, which views DEI as divisive and a threat to VMI's traditions and merit-based system.

In a statement on its website earlier this year, the PAC's chairman, Matt Daniel, said DEI "promotes racial division, encourages victimhood, and engages in shaming or protecting individuals based on race, gender, sexual orientation, or religious or moral beliefs."

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As the state-ordered investigation of VMI neared its end in 2021, Morris began efforts to revive the Cadet, raising money through a nonprofit entity called the Cadet Foundation. He serves as the foundation's president and treasurer, according to its most recent IRS filing.

Although it took its name from the dormant school paper and features the work of VMI students, the Cadet is privately funded and isn't officially affiliated with the school. The paper is supported, in part, by advertising. Among its leading advertisers is the Spirit of VMI PAC, which often takes full- or half-page ads in its print edition.

The Cadet's award-winning articles included several that urge an open mind and respect for diverse viewpoints about the DEI program. But much of the newspaper's work was skeptical about, if not downright hostile to, the changes VMI has undertaken.

"The Case for Preserving Tradition — Why VMI may NOT be changing for the good," reads the headline on one of the 15 articles the paper submitted to the awards competition. The column, carrying the byline of a VMI cadet, went on: "Recently, we have opened ourselves up to the outside world and [allowed] those with no understanding of our systems and culture to radically alter those systems. … Opening ourselves up to the outside world will never benefit the VMI mission."

Another column, attributed to an unnamed VMI professor, asserted last year that the school has implemented "a radical new social activist program" that is "killing the school." The "wokeness" behind DEI, wrote the author, divides "the Corps in unintended ways by separating it into various identity groups based on race, gender, gender identity, sexual proclivities, class and yet-unknown markers."

A third story in its entry casts an appreciative light on a civil suit that had challenged VMI's procedures for hiring one of its DEI contractors. The story notes that the plaintiff, an unsuccessful bidder for the contract, is a firm called the Center for Applied Innovation.

It doesn't mention the name of the firm's founder and president: Bob Morris.

It's the second of two lawsuits that CAI filed in connection to VMI. In early 2021, Morris's firm also challenged a state contract with a law firm hired to investigate VMI following The Post's disclosures. That suit was dismissed.

The Cadet's story about the second CAI lawsuit is the one that contains passages nearly identical to a Project Honor press release issued two months earlier. Both the press release and the Cadet story, for example, include this sentence (slightly modified in the Cadet): "Records also show VMI developing a deliberate campaign to lobby or otherwise influence the Youngkin administration in Richmond and a plan to deal with persons who criticize the Chief Diversity Officer."

A fourth Cadet story submitted to the awards competition, concerning the school's mental health counseling services, was vigorously disputed last year by VMI's administrators, who said it mischaracterized events, misstated dates and distorted the center's record and expertise.

Later, after VMI's deputy superintendent condemned the story in an email blast to students that also called out Morris's involvement, school spokesman Wyatt said he received a message from the student who wrote it, saying that he was aware of the errors and that the story should never have been published. Nonetheless, it won first place in an investigative reporting category at the Virginia press awards.

In an email to The Post, Morris said the Cadet "has done an incredible job portraying the news and has been open to articles and editorials that portray both sides."

After attempting to reach the newspaper's staff for comment, The Post received an email from Morris containing a statement in the name of three current and former editors, asserting the Cadet's independence: "The final call is and has always been the cadets on the editorial staff," the statement read.

The Post was able to independently reach one of the named students, James Mansfield, who confirmed that he had signed onto the statement sent by Morris.

VMI officials, however, have been wary about Morris's influence over the Cadet's reporting. Wyatt said that he has frequently received emails from generic Cadet email accounts — "editor@cadetnewspaper.org," for example, instead of an address that includes a student's name — seeking information and comment for articles. The newspaper's emails are sent from the same server as Morris's company's, according to a Post review of email records and data from cybersecurity company DomainTools. That server also hosts the Cadet's website.

Edwards, the VPA director, said its investigator would look into what role, if any, Morris played in shaping the Cadet's articles and whether the paper was sufficiently transparent in its award entry. "We'll review [the investigator's] recommendations and determine what action to take," she said.

Delving into the past to understand enduring effects of trauma on the present

BOOK WORLD FROM **C1**

Until, as Berest describes it in her book "The Postcard," the day 13 years later when her daughter has an antisemitic encounter at school. The violence of it, and the school's nonchalant reaction, knocks something loose in her, and she immediately remembers the mysterious card that turned up at her parents' house. Part novel and part documentary, "The Postcard," translated by Tina Kover, is an account of Anne's attempt to solve the mystery of who could have sent the postcard, and why. Moving between past and present as Anne, with her mother's help, pieces together her family's story, it also grapples with Anne's own relationship to Judaism.

It all starts in early-20th-century Russia, where the family's patriarch, Nachman Rabinovitch, warns his children that the winds of antisemitism are blowing again, and that he and their mother are leaving to grow oranges in Haifa. Ephraim — ambitious, socialist and irreligious — takes his family to Riga, Latvia, to Palestine and finally to France. There, he and his wife and three children thrive and assimilate, to the point that Ephraim sighs to his wife when his father comes to visit: "He doesn't look like a Jew. … He looks like a *hundred* Jews."

As the children grow up in Paris, the story shifts to their perspective, especially to that of Myriam, the eldest Rabinovitch child, who is a great success at the prestigious Lycee Fenelon (where Berest would one day be a student), and her younger sister Noémie, who reads Irène Némirovsky and dreams of one day becoming a novelist, too.

But to be a Jew in Paris in the late 1930s is to live within the loop of an ever-tightening noose. Assimilated or not, the Rabinovitch family will be rounded up with all the others in July 1942: first the children, then the parents. Berest handles the deportations and deaths of her four relatives with sensitivity; she mostly avoids bathos by keeping her eye firmly trained on her subjects and their everyday humanity.

Myriam alone survives, because she happened to have recently married a non-Jew, Vicente, the bohemian son of the artist Francis Picabia and his wife, the writer Gabriële Buffet-Picabia. "All of our lives," Lélia tells her daughter, "were spun from that impossibly slender thread of luck."



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"The Postcard," by Anne Berest, is part novel, part documentary.

The book alternates between the Rabinovitches and Anne herself. She and her sisters were raised in no faith except that of republicanism and socialism. But although their Judaism wasn't mentioned during their childhood — Anne grew up believing she was Breton on one side, Provençal on the other — they were haunted by their dead relatives. Anne tells her sister in a letter that she identifies with Myriam: "I always know where the exit is. I run away from danger. … I take the side streets. … I prefer still waters, and I always slip through the net."

Berest tells her mother about the filmmaker Alejandro Jodorowsky's concept of "psychomagic," which holds, in part, that there are, in everyone's family tree, "traumatized, unprocessed places that are eternally seeking relief. From these places, arrows are launched toward future generations. Anything that has not been resolved must be repeated."

She also turns to the work of the psychologist Nathalie Zajde, who has studied the children of Holocaust survivors to try to understand why they have their parents' nightmares, even when they have no firsthand knowledge of what they experienced. Accused by a romantic rival of being Jewish only "when it suits" her, Anne replies:

"I carry within me, inscribed in the very cells of my body, the memory of an experience of danger so violent that sometimes I think I really lived it myself, or that I'll be forced to relive it one day. To me, death always feels near. I have a sense of being hunted. I often feel subjected to a kind of self-obliteration. I search in the history books for the things I was never told."

"The Postcard" is, in this sense, a powerful exploration of family trauma, of "psychogenealogy," or "cellular memory," transmitted in the womb or down the generations, a longing for what we don't know and can never know of the people whose lives are responsible for our existence, and an internalization of the very worst that humans can do to one another, visited on one's own family.

Berest acknowledges that she has blind spots, and some of her evocations of Jewish life seem, at best, shaky; at worst, they're reliant on stereotypes of men with sidelocks and tzitzits. Occasionally, issues are introduced in the translation — on the whole fluid and engaging — that are not her fault at all. For instance, Kover, relying too heavily on literalism, translates a phrase that could become "Passover" as "Jewish Easter." In a book that is literally about the attempt to exterminate the Jews and their traditions, it seems important to get elements about Jewish culture right.

What kept me engaged, despite these issues, is not the question of whether Anne will solve the mystery but how she goes about trying to ascertain the unascertainable. This is, after all, why we read: to understand that which we may not ourselves have experienced. And it is what writing facilitates, especially for our generation, at two removes from the Shoah: The devoir de mémoire, the duty to remember, has become a duty to piece together the clues we've been left, fragments of a vanished world.

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My boyfriend and I don't agree on where to live. Is our relationship doomed?

Ask Amy

AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: In college in Montana, I majored in equine studies. After trying for four years, I finally got into an extremely competitive internship working with thoroughbreds in Kentucky. I started right after graduation.

During my junior year, I met my boyfriend, "Alex." We have been together for more than three years. I can't imagine my life without him. Alex started law school when I started the internship. I absolutely loved the internship, even though I was working 12-hour days. But I still cried most days and held on to one of his sweatshirts every night.

When the internship ended, I got a job with a poultry company back in Montana. A year and a half later, I have not stopped talking about or thinking about Kentucky. My boyfriend is from Indiana and wants to return to his hometown after graduation, where he will have a client base and connections.

Kentucky is completely out of the picture for him, but I would love to go back. Neither one of us wants to deliver an ultimatum, but he said that if I go back to Kentucky, it would probably put the "nail in the coffin" for us.

I don't think we could do long distance again. My heart is torn. I know that we need to grow as individuals, but I am so lost. Will I be wondering "what if" forever? Do I really have to choose between chasing my dreams and love?

— Woman Torn in Two

Torn: You say that you and your boyfriend are not delivering ultimatums, but I think you should check your inbox, because he has delivered one to you, and it's dressed up in the dreary "nail in the coffin" cliché. Yikes.

If you clung to his sweatshirt and cried every day during a period of separation, despite engaging in an engrossing and fascinating pursuit of your own, then it might be best for you to understand that there are horses in Indiana (lots of them), although the prestige and experience of working in Kentucky would put you in the top category in your field.

A red flag here is that, despite your devoted attachment, you are an adventurous woman with a location-dependent dream — hooked up with a hometown guy who can't (or won't) imagine pursuing a law career anywhere else.

This is a fairly rigid and limiting way of viewing his own prospects, and, even if you did decide to cling to the man instead of his sweatshirt, you should understand that you two have different-size dreams and attachment styles. You two might have charged out of the gate together, but this difference will probably affect your success in the home stretch.

Dear Amy: Summer is almost here, and a house on our street has a really unkempt lawn. It looks as if it hasn't been mowed at all.

We live on a nice street with small front lawns, and all the neighbors take pride. There is a local ordinance regarding this, but I'm on the fence about turning in these people. Another neighbor mentioned reporting them, and we were both wondering what you think.

— Neat Neighbor

Neighbor: You don't seem to know this family, but before turning them in, you might want to knock on their door and offer to cut their front lawn for them. Tell them: "It's no big deal. I'll be done in 15 minutes." They might be older, unwell or overwhelmed.

Some church and community groups will take on this task, bringing over a small crew of volunteers, and I assume that this assistance is gratefully received by the homeowners.

Dear Amy: "Tired of Hosting" was a mom who was tired of always being the one to host playdates for her son and his bestie. I was the kid who never reciprocated after playing at others' homes.

My mother was divorced and worked full time, but she also drank too much. I spent a large portion of my time at my best friend's house and spent the night there often. Honestly, it kept me in a more supportive environment, and as I grew older, I realized that my friend's mom may have known this — and I am grateful.

— Grateful

Grateful: Many people have responded with stories like yours. (And yes, I am crying, too.) So many unsung heroes. I think it would be great if you found a way to reach out to the family that helped to raise you — to offer them your thanks.

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For mega-rich heirs, the anxieties that drive ‘Succession’ are all too real

‘SUCCESSION’ FROM C1

their families.

“Some of these children can have a lack of ambition,” he said, referring to real-life inheritors. “Why go to college? Why start a business? Why work hard? When all your financial needs are met, that leads to a deep-seated low self-esteem, low self-confidence, because it’s never really been a struggle.”

Cockrell said he has seen that in the children of Logan Roy, the patriarch in the show. “There’s a bravado that they project, and underneath there’s a lot of shallowness and fear,” he said.

Paul Hokemeyer, a family therapist who also treats ultrarich people, said he recognized how the second generation of an extremely wealthy family can become haunted by their inheritance rather than be empowered by it.

“They are constantly wondering if people like them for who they are at their core or for the trappings of wealth that adorn their lives,” he said in an email, commenting on wealth’s remarkable ability to isolate a person from those around them. “They feel guilty for having so much of what the world idolizes and while at the same time feeling so flawed, inadequate and unhappy.”

As well as seeding self-doubt and isolation, material wealth and the prospect of its inheritance infect almost every relationship in “Succession.” (See: Tom and Shiv.)

“Wealth is power,” Hokemeyer said, adding that, when there is a wealth imbalance in relationships, there is an inherent power imbalance, too, something those who have inherited family money say reflects their own experiences.

“One especially tricky element to inheriting wealth is how others might relate to us because of our wealth, which can be like a third party in all our relationships,” said Diana Chambers, who describes herself as a third-generation member of a onetime business family and who now advises other families on managing their wealth and the emotional baggage that accompanies it. “We might find ourselves questioning the foundations of our friendships, struggling to decide how much to contribute to shared expenses, or caught in an undercurrent of envy directed at us.”



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Jeremy Strong as Kendall Roy, one of the Roy children, in the HBO series “Succession,” which aired its final episode on Sunday.

Chambers suggests that members of the second and third generations of wealthy families develop a sense of independence and purpose before inheriting the family money. Or, as she said: “If we receive the inheritance before we’ve found traction on our unique path, it can mute our pursuit of otherwise intrinsically motivating goals.”

Mental health professionals who treat the ultrawealthy say their adult children can become trapped in a state of perpetual dependence on their parents well into adulthood, such as with the Roys. And it never wanes, Hokemeyer said.

Those born into ordinary circumstances may be motivated by aspiration, but those born into immense wealth are liable to become haunted by a constant fear of losing their inheritance, he said. “Their physical safety, tribal identity and worthiness of love gets conflated to material validation,” Hokemeyer said. “In these families, money and the status and power inherent becomes the [measuring] stick by which they gauge their worthiness as a person.”

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> **Clay Cockrell,** a psychotherapist, referring to real-life inheritors

“Experienced well-being” tends to increase with wealth, one study showed, but for adult children of the very rich, unhappiness and low self-esteem seem to accompany wealth, mental health professionals who work with them say. “It can come out as an impostor syndrome within themselves,” Cockrell said. “They project bravado, confidence, sometimes even cruelty to others so that no one can see that, in actuality, they’re standing on clay feet and can crumble at any moment.”

In other words: I see you, Roman Roy.

Hokemeyer said the psychological differences between people who have earned their wealth and those who have inherited it are rooted in whether one’s sense of agency is located internally or externally, a concept known as the locus of control.

People who have inherited or married into wealth suffer from an external locus of control, Hokemeyer said, meaning that they perceive their life’s outcomes to be overwhelmingly shaped by circumstances beyond their own agency — which can erode one’s sense of self.

“When people become eclipsed by the sparkle of their wealth, they fail to develop a healthy and resilient self-concept,” he said. “They doubt their ability to contribute anything substantive in the world. They never know if the praise they receive for their efforts is based on merit or appeasement.”

Self-doubt plagues the second generation of the Roy family, who frequently struggled to hide their raw vulnerabilities from others. “You create this kind of protective shell, but underneath, we’re all just little nudie turtles,” Tom Wambsgans says to hapless cousin Greg in Season 1, explaining a golden rule of the Roys.

“Succession” skillfully captures the elements of fury, self-doubt and intrafamily conflict that can characterize life for the ultrawealthy, those who work with them say.

“They’ve packed them into the single scenario of the Roy family,” said Nigel Nicholson, an organizational psychologist who specializes in conflicts within family-run businesses. The transition from the owner-founder generation to the second generation — as depicted by “Succession” — is the “classic scenario,” said Nicholson, a professor of organizational behavior at London Business School. “There are two chief conflicts that need to be managed: One is the parent-child conflict, and the other is sibling rivalry.”

Sibling rivalry is rooted in the psychology of the family ecosystem — characterized by the younger generation vying for the resources and attention of their parents — and, Nicholson said, intergenerational conflict is about parents doubting the competence of their children.

“The senior generation believes it knows what’s best for the next generation, and the next generation believes it knows what’s best for itself,” he said. Or, in the words of Logan Roy to his adult children: “I love you, but you are not serious people.”

Nicholson’s advice to Logan Roy’s generation is simple: Allow yourself to let go — something that can be difficult for a patriarch or matriarch who has dedicated their life to growing a family empire. “The parents need to recognize that the children may have different ideas, and even better ideas, that they come with a fresh perspective,” Nicholson said.

As for the Roy children? They may have done better fixating less on their father and more on themselves, Hokemeyer said.

“The first thing I would tell them is to take their focus off their dad,” who he speculates has malignant narcissism — one of the most “pernicious” personality disorders, Hokemeyer said.

“He’s incapable of forging a relationship with another human being that allows for the vulnerability that is required of healthy intimacy,” he said. “They should give up trying to change or expect anything different from him and focus on changing themselves and their reactions to him.”

Hostess wonders what to do with olive pits after overhearing guests’ discussion

Miss Manners
JUDITH MARTIN, JACOBINA MARTIN AND NICHOLAS IVOR MARTIN

Miss Manners: We’re a family that loves olives, but, sadly, we’re one that has no idea how to politely deal with the pits.

An overheard conversation between two guests at a party made me realize that I also don’t know how to serve them: I have not been providing what’s needed to avoid embarrassing them. For decades, it seems, I’ve been failing as a hostess.

Please help, and I’ll be sure to pass the info along to our children and grandchildren!

What on earth was this overheard conversation? “You know, Sherry would be a perfect hostess if it weren’t for the unpardonable omission of someplace to put these olive pits. Now I am going to have to put them in my suit pocket, which will delight my dog, but infuriate my dry cleaner.”

If that is your worst sin of the decade(s), Miss Manners congratulates you on making a mistake that is so easily rectified. And it gives you something to do with all those old ashtrays.

Dear Miss Manners: My 96-year-old father-in-law passed away several months ago, but his ex-girlfriend of only two years still expects to be at all of our family events.

The only one in the family who likes her is my sister-in-law, who keeps inviting her to birthdays, etc., without asking the rest of us whether it’s okay. The ex-girlfriend is not very nice — downright insulting at times — and she has family of her own here in town. How do we tell our sister-in-law we don’t want dad’s ex around anymore?

By not criticizing her guest list when she acts as hostess. Explain that you completely respect your sister-in-law’s friendship with your father-in-law’s friend, and that you understand her decision to include her. But you will not be inviting her when you host.

Note the use of “friend” in place of “girlfriend” or “ex” to describe the unwanted guest. Miss Manners will not be entirely surprised if, after you have this conversation, your sister-in-law confesses that she does not like the woman, either; she just has not figured out how to say no to her.

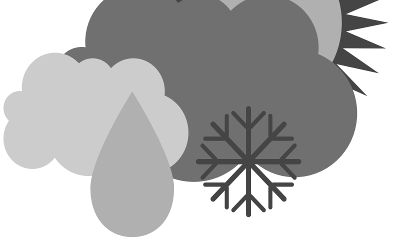
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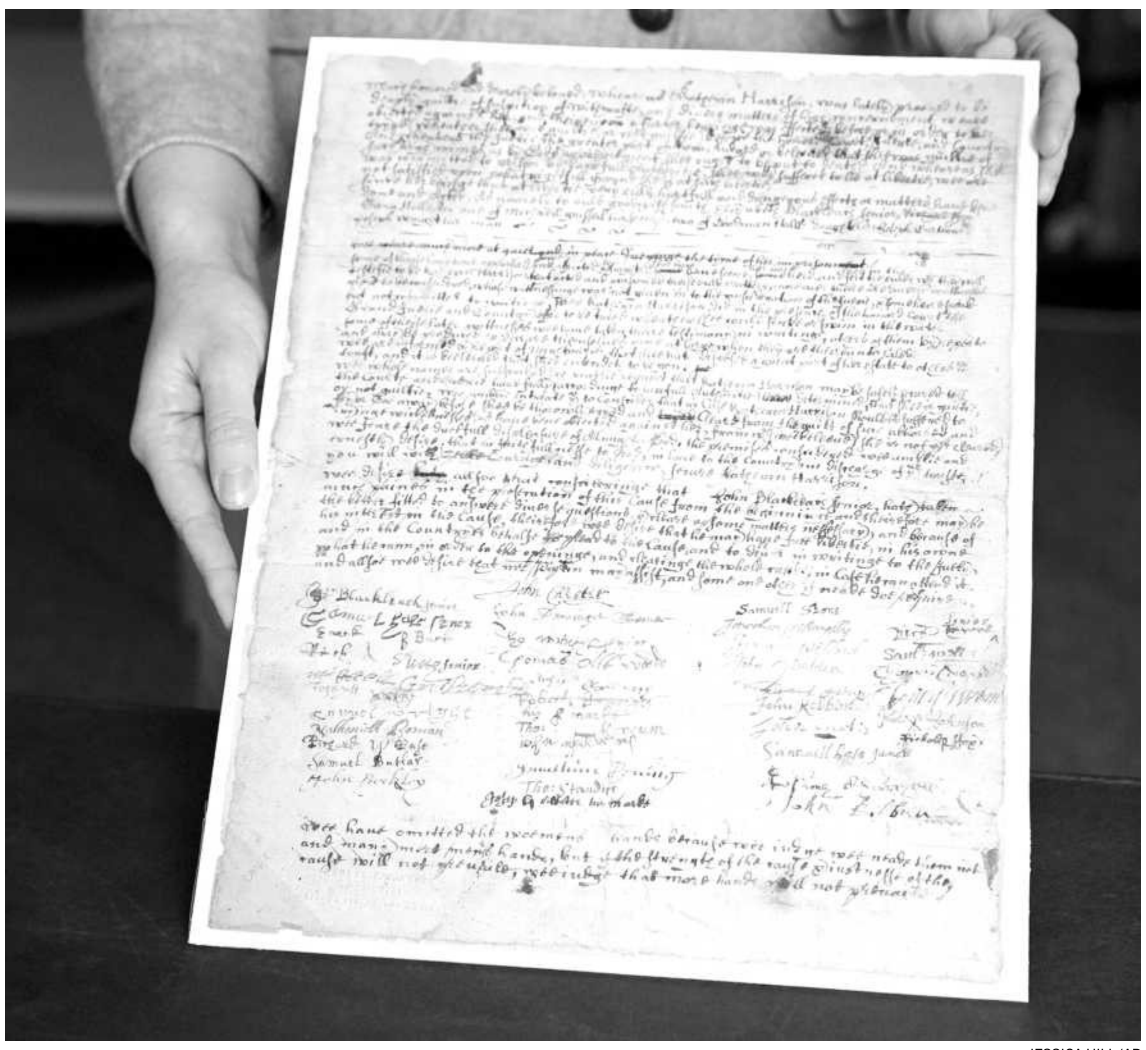
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Centuries later, Connecticut absolves dozens indicted on witchcraft charges

BY KYLE MELNICK



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Connecticut Historical Society Collections associate Julia Morrow displays an original complaint letter dated back to 1669 against Katherine Harrison, who was tried multiple times for witchcraft.

On May 26, 1647, Alice "Alse" Young was ordered to Hartford, Conn., to be hanged. Young, a botanist, was accused of using witchcraft to start a pandemic that resulted in children's deaths in nearby Windsor.

Young, who was believed to be roughly 32 years old, was the first of at least 11 people put to death for witchcraft in Connecticut.

On Thursday — nearly 376 years after Young's death — Connecticut's Senate passed a resolution absolving dozens of state residents who were accused, convicted and executed for the crime of witchcraft in the 1600s.

Generations later, there was celebration from the relatives of those accused. Susan Bailey, Young's ninth-great-granddaughter, who lives in Hartford, was relieved to receive an apology.

"It doesn't matter that it was so long ago; it was somebody's life that was taken unjustly," Bailey, 67, told The Washington Post. "It may not help her in the afterlife, but maybe it will. But the relatives of hers that know about her terrible death … will gain some peace from it. It will help the healing process."

In the 16th and 17th centuries, many people believed that witchcraft was the cause of some unexpected deaths and illnesses. It was a crime punishable by death in many states and countries. While the records from that time are incomplete, experts estimate that about 50,000 people worldwide were killed after facing witchcraft accusations.

Modern-day lawmakers across the world have since worked to exonerate people of those crimes. The Spanish region of Catalonia pardoned its residents' witchcraft crimes in January 2022. In March of that year, Scotland's first minister issued an apology to residents who were accused of witchcraft. The final Salem Witch Trials conviction was overturned this past July.

In the past decade in Connecticut, people whose relatives were harmed by witchcraft charges have pushed for the accusations to be expunged. Witchcraft executions in the state occurred between 1647 and 1663 and probably took place at a central gathering spot in Hartford, now the location of Connecticut's Old State House.

At least 34 people were indicted on witchcraft charges, and many fled the state with their families, according to the Connecticut Witch Trial Exoneration Project.

Young's daughter, Alice Young Jr., was believed to be about 7 when her mother was killed. Residents raised her until she married and had about a dozen children. Through DNA testing, Bailey learned around March 2021 that she was a descendant of Young.

Bailey had learned about Young through her newly found relatives and her friend Beth Caruso's book, "One of Windsor: The Untold Story of America's First Witch Hanging." She realized how lucky she was to be alive, but also how frightening it was to have walked many times by the place where Young was killed.

"To find out that part of me really does go back so far … it was just kind of a cool feeling," Bailey said, "but sad at the same time to find out that your relative was executed."

Bailey connected with other people who were related to women accused of witchcraft. Sarah Jack learned through Ancestry.com that Winifred Benham was her ninth-great-grandmother. Benham and her daughter were indicted on charges of witchcraft in Connecticut in 1697 before fleeing to Long Island.

A group of more than a dozen distant relatives spoke with and testified in front of lawmakers about erasing their ancestors' charges. In January, state Sen. Saud Anwar (D) introduced a bill that would do just that. In the following months, Anwar heard from families about the trauma they still endured from their relatives' hangings.

"More and more people were understanding the relevance of what we were asking," said Jack, 47. "It's not just because we want someone to tell us they're sorry. We want everyone to start acknowledging that that type of targeting towards vulnerable women or men or children isn't acceptable."

On Thursday, relatives of accused witches gathered in the Capitol in Hartford. Jack expected the resolution to pass, but she still felt excitement each time she heard a senator vote in support of it.

The bill passed with a 33-1 vote. Senators waved and smiled to the group in the audience as distant relatives hugged and cried.

"It's never too late to do the right thing, and here it was very concerning that it was over 370-some years ago that people in our state … were murdered because of a reason that has no moral standing," Anwar said. "There was no legal standing. And it was something that made me sad because it truly has been a stain on our history."

Some relatives still want Connecticut to build a memorial for the victims and to feature their stories in a museum. Still, they feel relieved to know their ancestors' names won't remain stained by crime.

"It's a long time coming," Bailey said. "But it was worth waiting for."

MOVIE DIRECTORY

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DISTRICT

AMC Georgetown 14 3111 K Street N.W.
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:40-3:50-7:20-10:30
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 9:35
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC: 2:00-5:05-8:10-11:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:35-4:00-6:00-9:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:20-2:40-5:05-7:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) CC: 3:00-6:10-9:15
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 12:00
You Hurt My Feelings (R) CC: 12:05-2:30-4:50-7:10-9:35
Sanctuary (R) CC: 7:15-9:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 12:20
Kandahar (R) CC: 1:35-4:25
About My Father (PG-13) CC: 2:45-5:00-7:15-9:30
The Little Mermaid: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) CC: 12:00
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC: 7:00-9:25-10:10-11:00
The Machine (R) CC: 2:35-5:15-7:55-10:35
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) CC: 2:00-5:00-8:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC: 2:30-7:10-10:30
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC: 12:00-12:25-1:00-6:30-9:30; 3:00-3:30
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) OC: 4:00

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street 630 Rhode Island Ave NE
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 3:15; 7:00-10:45; 5:45; 9:30

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market 550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:30-7:30
The Little Mermaid (PG) 3:30-6:30
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-4:30-7:00

Avalon Theatre 5612 Connecticut Avenue
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:00-2:20-4:45-7:15
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 12:45-3:00-5:15-7:30

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema 807 V Street Northwest
Fast X (PG-13) 4:30-7:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-4:50-5:20-7:40-8:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 4:50-8:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) 3:45-4:20-7:10
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 7:00

Landmark E Street Cinema 555 11th Street Northwest
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-3:15-5:00-7:00-8:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 4:00-7:15
Joyland 3:00-7:30
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 4:15-7:25
BlackBerry (R) 3:30-7:25
Monica (R) 3:45
Master Gardener (R) 7:15
The Starling Girl (R) 4:30

Regal Gallery Place 701 Seventh Street Northwest
Fast X (PG-13) 1:30-3:20-5:10-9:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:30-6:00-9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:10-2:40-6:20-9:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:40-2:20-7:30-10:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) 12:00-1:00-1:30-3:30-5:00-5:30-6:50-8:30-9:00-10:10
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Kandahar (R) 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
About My Father (PG-13) 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:10
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 7:10-10:10
The Machine (R) 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 11:00AM
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) OC: 5:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) 10:30AM
You Hurt My Feelings (R) OC: 12:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-3:30-6:30-7:00-10:00-10:30

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center 8633 Colesville Road
Best of the 48 Hour Film Project 7:00
Documentary Film Program (NR) 12:15-6:00
Los olvidados (2016) (NR) 8:00
Joyland 2:15
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 1:00-3:00-5:05-7:10-9:15
Other People's Children 4:45-9:45

AMC Academy 8 6198 Greenbelt Road
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC: 2:00-4:00-5:15-7:15-8:30-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:20-7:30-10:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 1:40
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC: 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:40
Kandahar (R) CC: 1:30-4:10
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC: 7:00-9:40
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) CC: 2:30-5:30-8:30

AMC Annapolis Mall 11 1020 Annapolis Mall Road
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 10:30-3:05-6:15-9:30-11:25
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 10:00AM
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC: 2:00-4:00-5:10-7:10-8:20-10:20-11:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 10:10-12:30-1:40-4:10-6:40-9:05
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC: 10:00-11:00-1:10-2:10-4:20-5:20-7:30-8:25-10:30
You Hurt My Feelings (R) CC: 1:50
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 4:30
About My Father (PG-13) CC: 10:50-1:30
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC: 7:00-9:30-11:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:00AM
The Machine (R) CC: 11:10-2:20-5:00-7:45-10:30
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:40
Fast X (PG-13) 11:45AM
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 3:00-6:10-9:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:40-4:00-7:20-10:40
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 10:20AM

AMC Center Park 8 4001 Powder Mill Rd.
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC: 2:00-4:00-5:15-7:00-8:30-10:00
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC: 7:00-9:30

AMC Columbia 14 10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:45-2:45-6:00-9:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 3:15
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC: 2:00-5:15-8:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:30-2:30-4:00-6:00-7:30-9:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) CC: 3:00-6:15-9:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 12:00
You Hurt My Feelings (R) CC: 12:10
Kandahar (R) CC: 12:40-3:40
About My Father (PG-13) CC: 12:45-7:15-9:35
The Little Mermaid: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) CC: 12:00
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC: 7:00-9:30
The Machine (R) CC: 1:20-4:10-7:00-9:45
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) CC: 1:00-4:15-7:30
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC: 2:00-2:45-5:15-6:00-8:30-9:15
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC: 2:30-4:15-5:45-7:30-9:00

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18 9811 Washingtonian Center
The Little Mermaid (PG) 11:00-11:45-12:00-12:45-2:30-3:15-4:15-6:00-6:45-7:45-9:30-10:00
About My Father (PG-13) 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
The Machine (R) 11:15-2:00-4:45-10:15
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 11:30AM
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 3:40-7:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC: 2:45-6:15-9:45
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) CC: 3:45-7:15-10:45
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC: 7:00-9:45
The Machine (R) CC: 7:30
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC: 3:15-5:30-6:45-8:45-10:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:15-2:45-3:45-6:15-7:15-9:50-10:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:50-1:45-2:15-4:15-4:50-6:45-8:10-9:45-10:40
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:00
The Wrath of Becky (R) 7:15
Evil Dead Rise (R) 11:15-9:15
The Little Mermaid: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) 12:30
The Kerala Story (Hindi) 1:50-5:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) 11:00AM
Fast X (PG-13) 11:15-12:20-2:40-6:05-9:30-10:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) OC: 2:00
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 11:15-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
Kandahar (R) 1:15-4:05

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Ctr. 9 11115 Mall Circle
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 9:30
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC: 2:00-2:45-5:15-6:15-8:30-9:30
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC: 3:45-4:30-7:45
About My Father (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC: 7:00
The Machine (R) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) CC: 2:30-5:45-9:00
Fast X (PG-13) 4:00-7:15
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 10:30

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12 800 Shoppers Way
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC: 3:00-4:30-6:15-7:45
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC: 1:30-8:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) CC: 2:00-5:15-8:30
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC: 7:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) OC: 4:45

AMC Montgomery 16 7101 Democracy Boulevard
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC: 2:00-2:45-3:30-4:45-5:15-6:00-6:45-7:30-8:00-8:30-9:15-10:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC: 2:00-8:30
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC: 7:00-9:30
The Little Mermaid (PG) OC: 5:15
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) OC: 4:15

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD 7000 Arundel Mills Circle
Fast X (PG-13) 9:55-11:30-11:40-12:50-1:20-3:10-4:15-7:50
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) XD: 3:30-10:30; 6:00; 2:00-2:15-2:45-3:00-3:15-3:45-4:00-4:45-5:30-5:45-6:15-6:30-6:45-7:00-7:15-7:30-8:15-9:00-9:15-9:45-10:00-10:15-10:45-11:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) 9:45-1:00-4:15-7:30-10:45; 9:45-1:00-4:15-7:30-10:45; 7:00; 7:00; 10:45-2:00; 10:00-10:15-11:10-11:40-12:05-1:30-2:25-2:55-3:20-4:45-6:10-6:35-9:25-9:50
The Machine (R) 10:30-1:25-4:20-7:15-10:10
2018 (Malayalam) 6:00-9:30
Fast X (PG-13) XD: 10:35-2:05-9:25
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) XD: 3:30-10:30
The Little Mermaid (PG) XD: 12:15
Sanctuary (R) 7:00-9:35
Evil Dead Rise (R) 1:35-4:10
Mem Famous 3:20
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 10:55-11:45-12:55-4:25-7:55
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:00-11:55-12:30-2:25-4:55-7:25-10:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) XD: 12:15
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 9:45-12:15
Kandahar (R) 10:40AM
About My Father (PG-13) 10:35-1:05-3:35-7:35-10:20
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 7:00-8:00-9:35-10:35

Cinépolis Gaithersburg 629 Center Point Way
Fast X (PG-13) 4:20-8:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-3:20-4:40-5:40-6:40-9:20-10:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 4:00-8:00
About My Father (PG-13) 5:40
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 7:40-10:40
The Machine (R) 2:00-9:40
The Little Mermaid (PG) 2:20-3:00-3:40-6:00-8:40-9:20
Movie and a Meal: Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse 7:00

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema 7235 Woodmont Avenue
Fast X (PG-13) 7:05
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-4:00-5:00-7:00-8:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 4:30-7:30
The Little Mermaid (PG) 3:00-6:15-7:05
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 7:15
About My Father (PG-13) 7:20
Fast X (PG-13) 3:55
The Little Mermaid (PG) 4:15
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 4:30
About My Father (PG-13) 5:15

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center 2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Fast X (PG-13) 1:30-4:30-7:30
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-4:00-5:00-7:00-8:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:00-2:15-4:10-5:30-7:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:40-4:00-7:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) 1:15-2:00-4:15-5:00-7:15-8:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:05
The Machine (R) 1:20-3:45-7:00

Old Greenbelt Theatre 129 Centerway
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 7:00
BlackBerry (R) 7:30
Master Gardener (R) 5:00

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6 3899 Branch Avenue
Fast X (PG-13) 2:00-5:05-8:30
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-4:00-5:00-7:00-8:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:35-5:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) 2:30-3:00-6:00-8:30
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 8:45
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 5:30

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX 900 Ellsworth Drive
Fast X (PG-13) 11:15-11:45-12:30-1:30-2:35-3:05-4:00-5:00-6:25-7:30-8:30
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:30AM
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:30-3:00-3:30-5:50-6:20-6:50-9:10-9:40-10:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:10-12:10-3:35-6:00-7:00-9:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:05-1:35-4:05-6:35-9:05
The Little Mermaid (PG) 11:00-12:00-1:00-1:30-3:10-4:10-4:40-6:20-7:20-7:50-9:30-10:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) 2:00-5:20-8:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 11:05AM
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The Boogeyman (PG-13) 7:00-9:45
The Machine (R) 12:30-3:35-6:35-9:30
Mem Famous 11:40-3:00-6:30-9:55
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 11:30-2:40-5:50-9:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 2:35

Regal Germantown 20000 Century Boulevard
Fast X (PG-13) 2:20-5:40-9:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 4:10-7:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:20-2:00-4:30
The Little Mermaid (PG) 12:45-1:30-2:10-2:50-3:50-4:40-5:30-8:00-9:00-9:30
Kandahar (R) 2:20-5:20
About My Father (PG-13) 2:30-5:00-7:20-9:40
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 7:20
The Machine (R) 1:50-4:50-7:30
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 6:10
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-2:50-4:20-5:10-6:00-7:00-7:40-8:20-8:50-9:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 12:50

Regal Hyattsville Royale 6505 America Blvd.
Fast X (PG-13) 12:15-12:40-1:40-4:00-7:30
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 8:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-2:40-5:10-5:50-8:20-9:00
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The Little Mermaid (PG) 12:00-12:30-3:10-3:40-5:00-6:20-8:10-9:00-9:30
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The Boogeyman (PG-13) 7:00-9:50
The Machine (R) 12:10-3:00-6:00-9:20
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 1:40-6:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 4:30

Regal Laurel Towne Centre 14716 Baltimore Avenue
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-3:10-4:10-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:00-9:00-10:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) 11:40-12:20-2:45-3:40-6:00-7:00-9:20
Kandahar (R) 12:00-3:00-6:10
About My Father (PG-13) 1:50-4:30
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 8:15-10:10
The Machine (R) 2:20-5:10
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 2:00-5:20-8:40

Regal Rockville Center 199 East Montgomery Avenue
Fast X (PG-13) 1:00-2:30-5:50-8:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-5:20-8:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:00-2:20-5:40-9:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:50-3:30-6:00-8:40
The Little Mermaid (PG) 11:40-12:30-2:50-3:20-3:50-4:40-6:10-6:40-7:10-9:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 11:40AM
Kandahar (R) 11:50-12:50-3:10-3:40-6:40-9:30
About My Father (PG-13) 11:20-1:50-4:30-6:50-9:10
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 7:00-9:30
The Machine (R) 1:20-4:20-7:20
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 1:30-8:10

Regal UA Snowden Square 9161 Commerce Center Drive
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-3:00-4:00-5:30-6:30-7:30-9:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) 11:30-12:10-3:30-6:10-6:50
Kandahar (R) 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:30
About My Father (PG-13) 11:40-2:10-4:50-7:20
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 7:10
The Machine (R) 11:50-2:50-5:50-8:40
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 2:50

Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX 1419 South Main Chapel Way
Fast X (PG-13) 11:10-12:40-2:20-5:30-8:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:20-11:40-3:00-6:25-10:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:30-3:30-6:10-8:40
The Little Mermaid (PG) 11:40-12:20-2:50-3:40-4:40-6:20-7:00-8:00-9:40-10:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) 2:00-5:30-9:00
Kandahar (R) 12:50-3:50
About My Father (PG-13) 11:30-2:00-4:50-7:10-9:50
The Little Mermaid: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) 11:00AM
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 7:10-9:50
The Machine (R) 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:10
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 1:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 3:00-4:00-6:30-7:30-10:00-11:00

Regal Westview & IMAX 5243 Buckeystown Pike
Fast X (PG-13) 12:10-1:10-3:50-4:40-8:10-9:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 3:40-7:10-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 5:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:30-3:00-6:30
The Little Mermaid (PG) 1:00-2:30-3:10-4:30-6:40-7:50-9:10-10:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) 2:50-6:10-9:30
The Little Mermaid: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) 11:30AM
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 7:30-10:10
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 12:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2:00-5:20-8:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 11:40AM

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Fast X (PG-13) 10:10-12:50-1:30-4:40-7:50-9:20
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iPic Pike & Rose 11830 Grand Park Avenue
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The Machine (R) CC: 1:40-4:20-7:55
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) CC: 1:20-4:30

AMC Hoffman Center 22 206 Swamp Fox Rd.
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The Starling Girl (R) 11:15AM
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Cinema Arts Theatre 9650 Unit 14 Main St.
Somewhere in Queens (R) 12:10-2:40-7:20
It Ain't Over (PG) 9:55-12:20-2:20-4:40-7:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 9:50-12:25-4:55
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Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD 11900 Palace Way
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Medal of Honor Theater - NMMC 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway
We, the Marines (NR) 10:30-11:30-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00

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Regal Dulles Town Center 21100 Dulles Town Circle
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Regal Fairfax Towne Center 4110 West Ox Road
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John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 12:20
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Regal Fox & IMAX 22875 Brambleton Plaza
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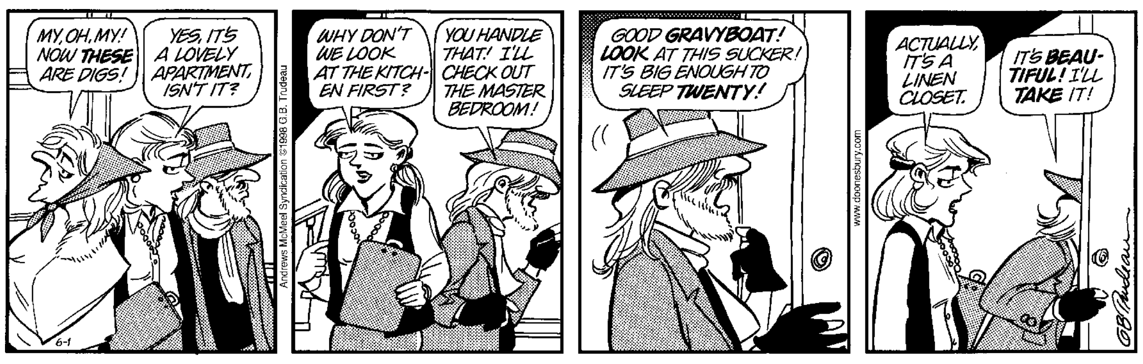
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Smithsonian - Airbus IMAX Theater 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway
Journey to Space (NR) 10:15-11:30
Dream Big: Engineering Our World: An IMAX Experience 1:30
Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 10:50-12:50
To Fly! (1976) (NR) 12:10
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 4:20
Blue Planet (Il pianeta azzurro) (NR) 2:25
The Dream is Alive (NR) 3:20

University Mall Theatres 10659-A Braddock Road
Fast X (PG-13) CC; DVS: 1:00-4:00-7:30
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC; DVS: 12:45-3:45-7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC; DVS: 1:15-4:15-7:15

CLASSIC DOONESBURY
GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES
BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

NEITHER SIDE VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ K 7
♥ 7 6 4
♦ 7 6 4
♣ K 9 7 3 2

WEST
♠ Q J 10 8 3
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 10 3
♣ 10 8

EAST
♠ 9 6 4
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ 9 5
♣ J 6 5 4

SOUTH (D)
♠ A 5 2
♥ A K 3 2
♦ A J 8 2
♣ A Q

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ Q

"My results playing with Joe are improving," Ed, the club expert, told me.

"He's ceased his mad pursuit of overtricks?"

"He's as bad as ever," Ed sighed, "but lately when he loses a cold game, we haven't been vulnerable."

Joe Overberry thinks it's nobler to go down trying for overtricks than to make his bid. He was declarer at today's 3NT, and West led the queen of spades.

"Joe won with the ace," Ed said, "and took his ace and queen of clubs. West followed with the eight and 10, dummy with the deuce and three.

"Joe then led a spade to dummy's king and tried the king of clubs, but when West threw a diamond, Joe took only eight tricks. He said that if clubs had split 3-3, he would have made an overtrick. At least we lost only 50 points."

Joe should have been plus 400. When West's 10-8 of clubs appear, Joe can overtake his queen with dummy's king, then lead the nine to force out East's jack. The king of spades is an entry to the seven and three of clubs.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ Q J 10 8 3 ♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 10 3 ♣ 10 8

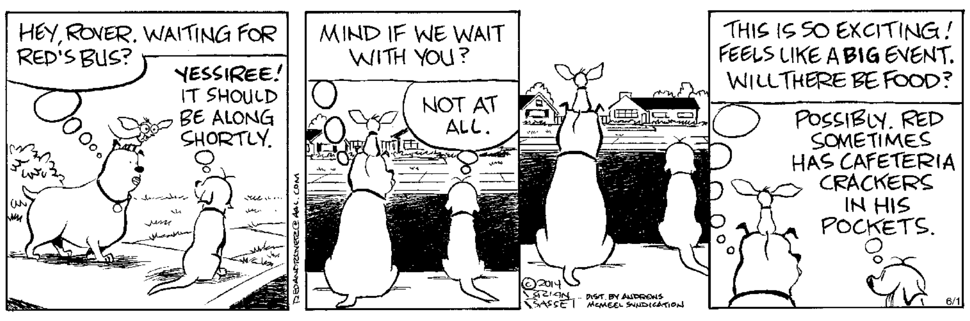
The dealer, at your left, opens two hearts (weak). Your partner doubles, and the next player bids three hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: To double and perhaps oblige you to act at the three level, partner will have a hand worth 15 points or more, often with help for all the unbid suits. Bid four spades. You will be a favorite if he has A 9 6 2, 9 3, A 8 4, A Q 5 4. You would bid three spades to compete with a weaker hand.

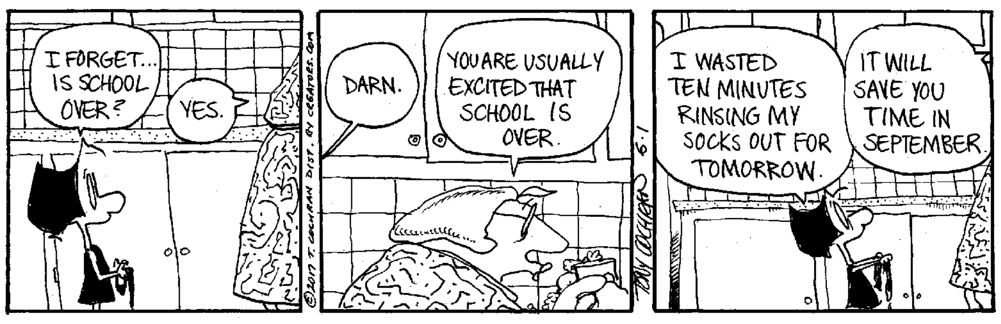
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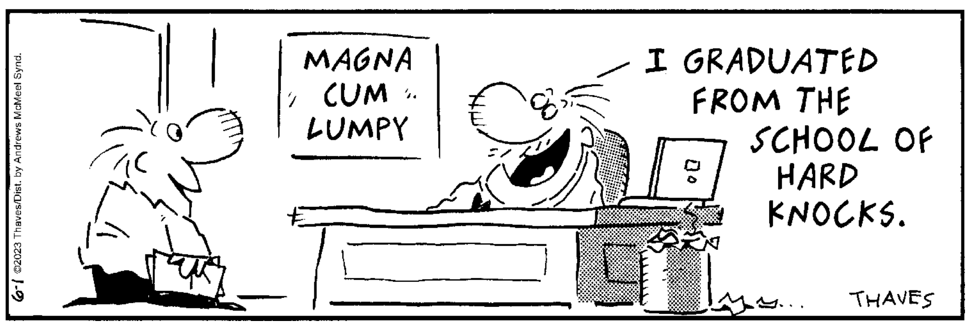
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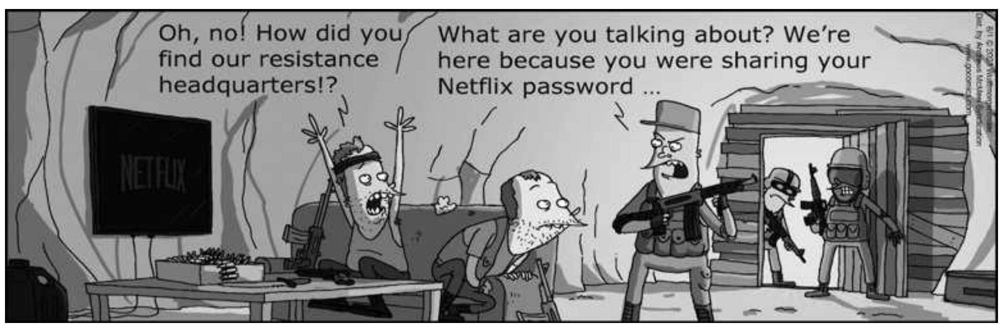
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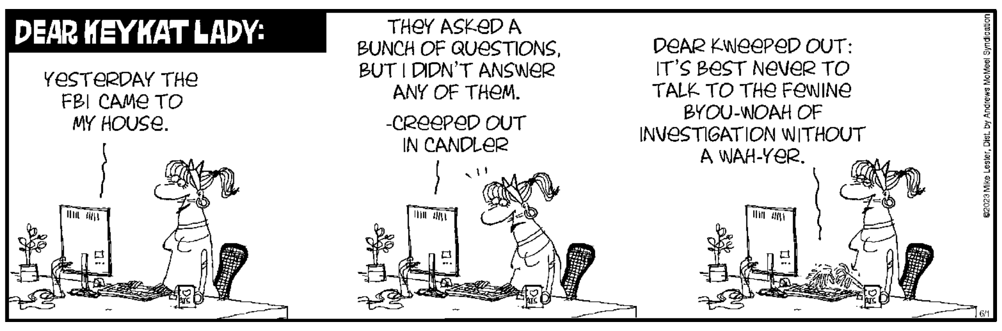
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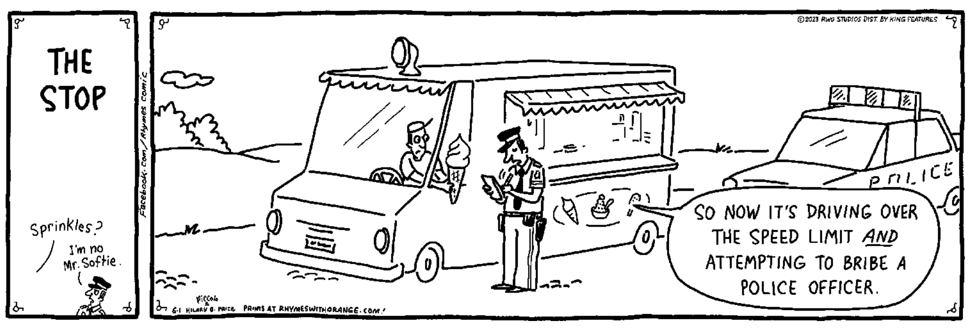
CLASSIC PEANUTS
CHARLES SCHULZ



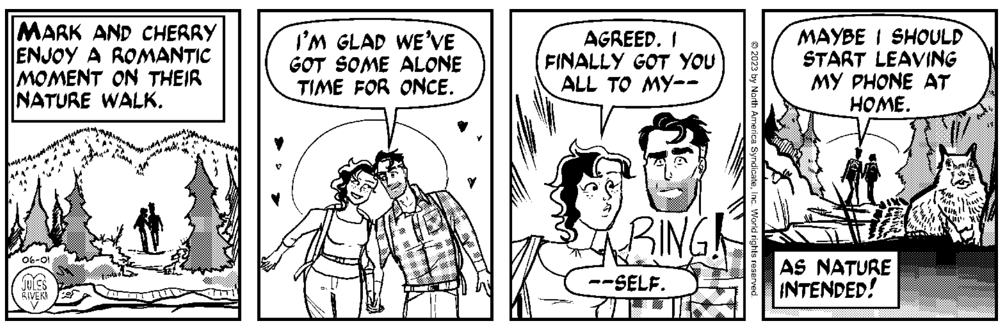
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MIKE LESTER



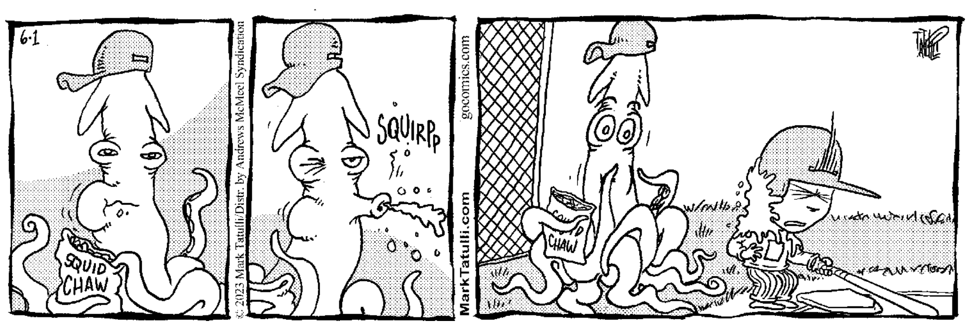
RHYMES WITH ORANGE
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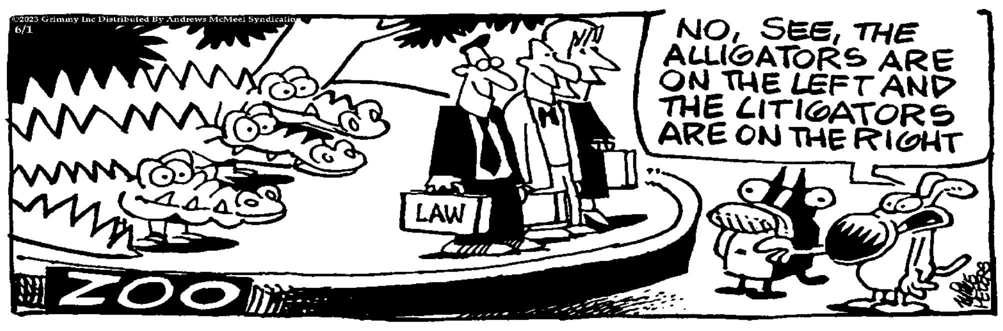
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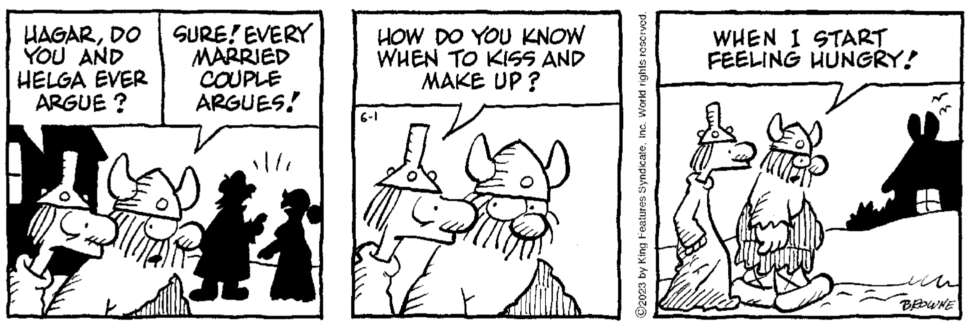
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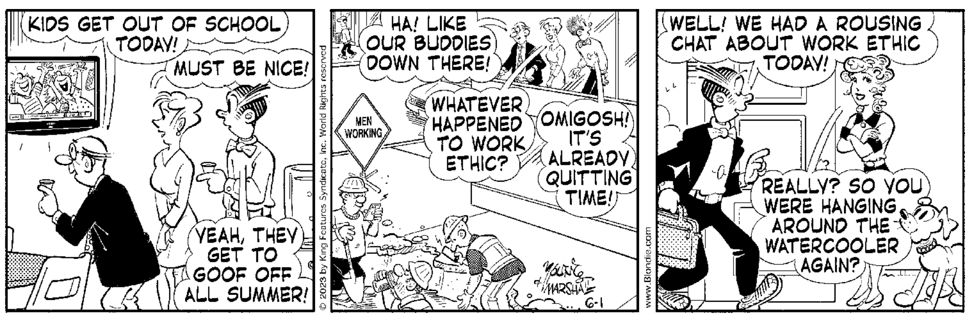
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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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RACK 1: A_1 O_1 U_1 K_5 L_1 T_1 T_1 — 2nd Letter Triple

RACK 2: A_1 A_1 A_1 G_2 L_1 P_3 C_3 — Double Word Score

RACK 3: E_1 E_1 I_1 U_1 R_1 Z_{10} S_1

RACK 4: E_1 E_1 O_1 H_4 R_1 T_1 T_1

PAR SCORE 140-150
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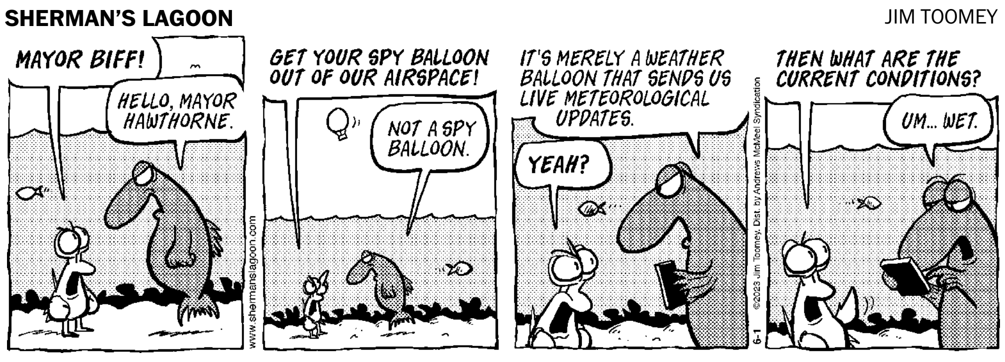
FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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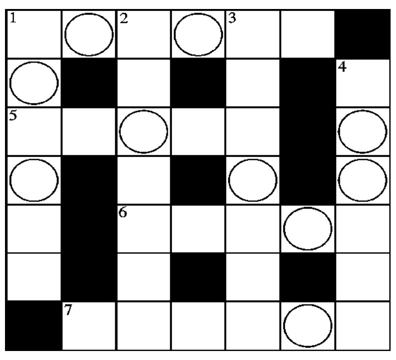
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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS
by David L. Hoyt



6-1-23

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Adjective for the Pacific	DWTESI
5. Fake	UGSOB
6. Harass	SEAET
7. Movie: "Legally ____"	BDNELO

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Seesaw	BWOLEB
2. ____ clock	DAILGTI
3. Maintain	UISATNS
4. Stop, suspend	EEZREF

How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

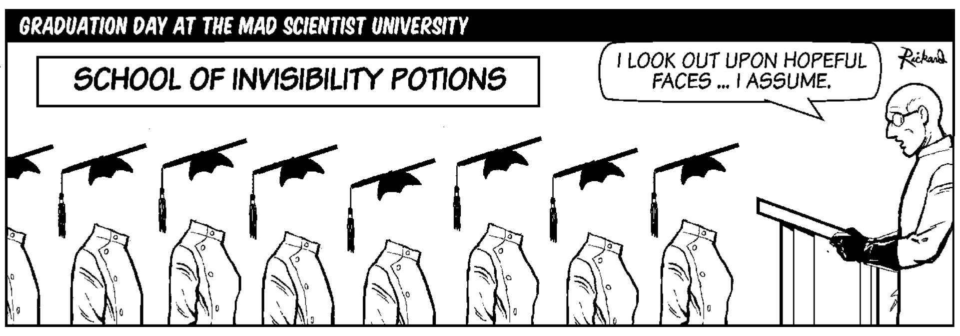
CLUE: The ____ ____ is the sixth-largest of its kind in the world.

ANSWERS: 1A-Widest 5A-Bogus 6A-Tease 7A-Blonde 1D-Wobble 2D-Digital 3D-Sustain 4D-Freeze B-Gobi Desert

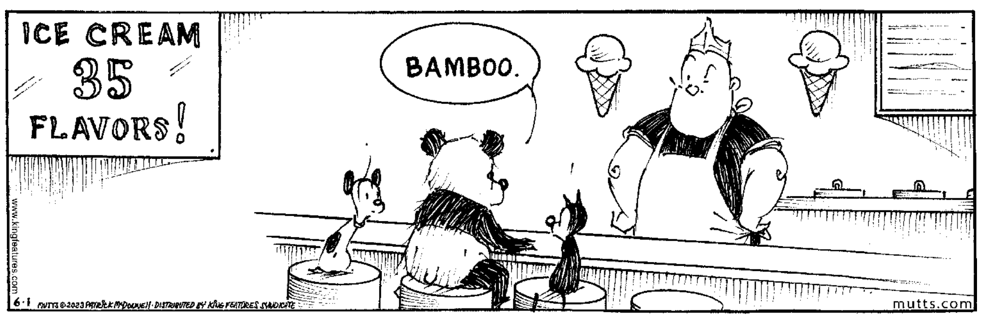
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BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!
TIM RICKARD



MUTTS PATRICK McDONNELL



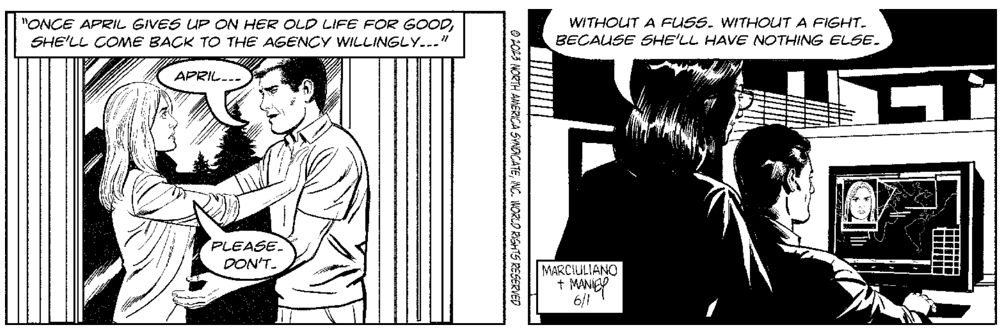
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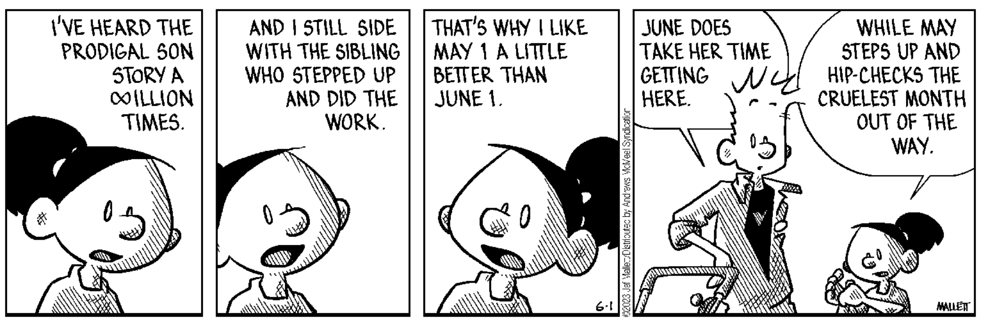
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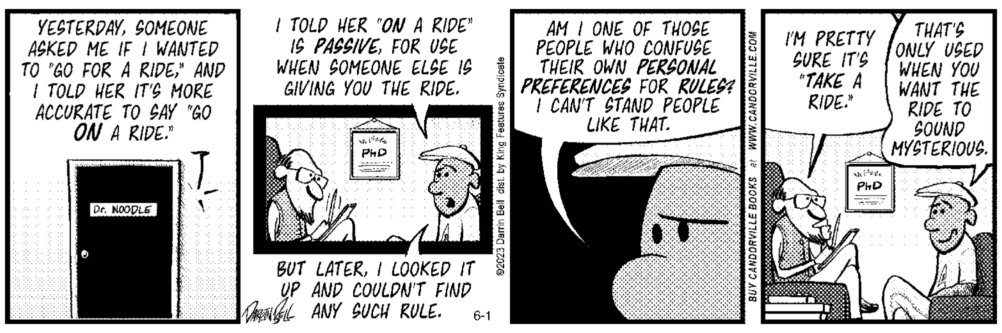
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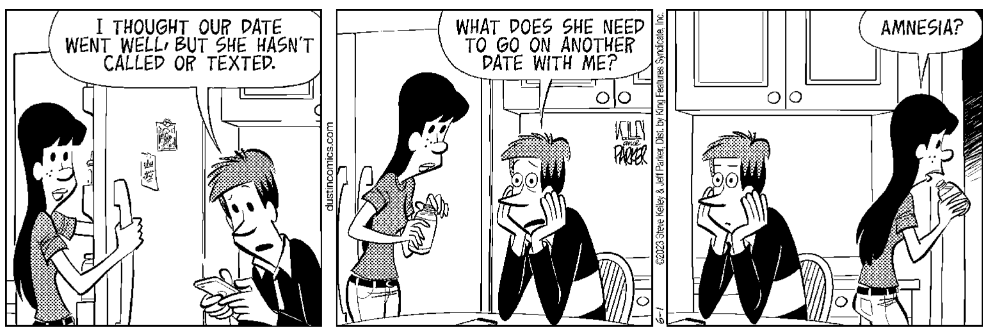
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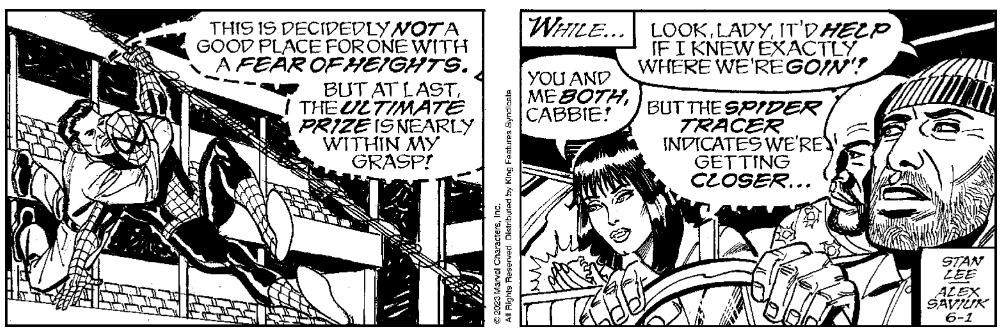
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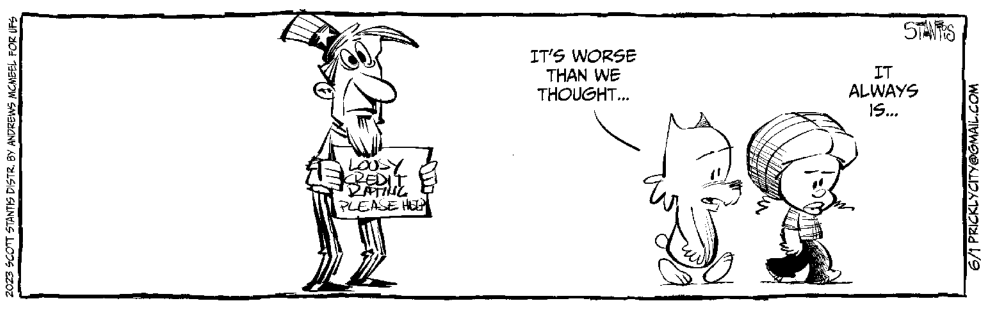
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN STAN LEE & ALEX SAVIUK



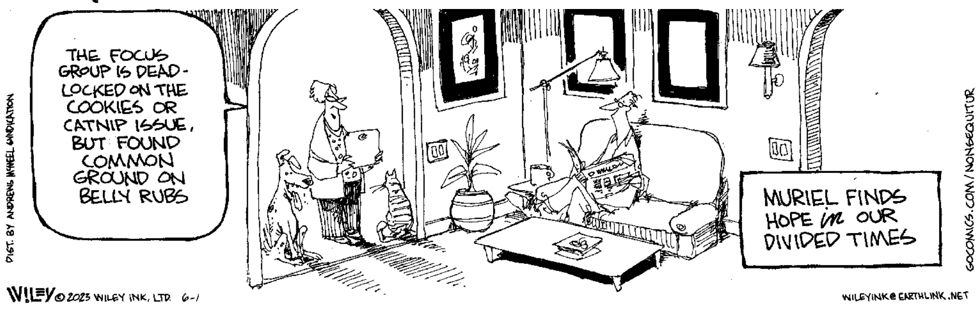
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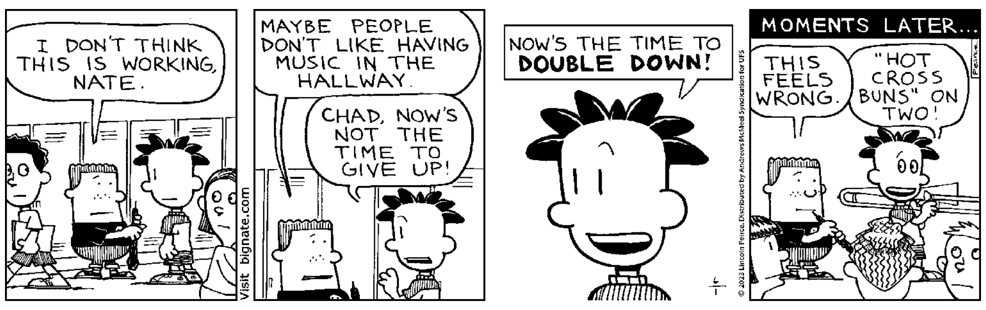
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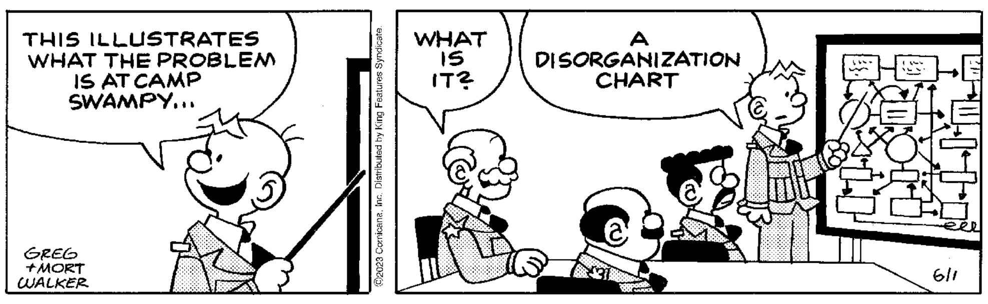


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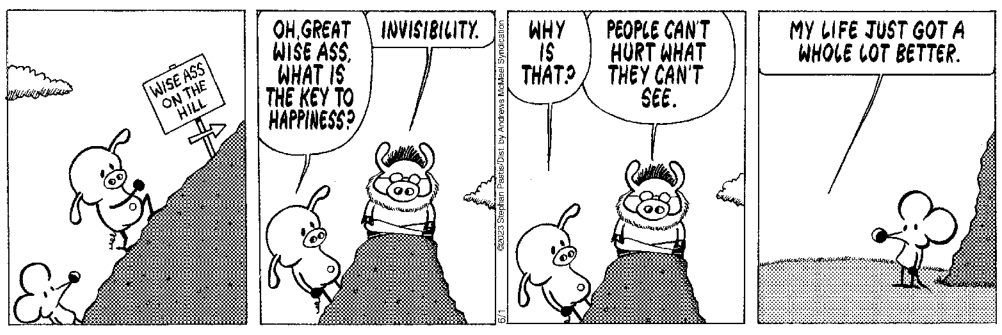


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BEETLE BAILEY GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE STEPHAN PASTIS



HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | JUNE 1

You are practical, attentive and give serious thought to what interests you. You're also witty, chatty and casual. This year is full of exciting change and increased personal freedom. Learn to be more flexible. Let go of whatever has been holding you back. Seek out new opportunities! Trust your intuition.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Scorpio.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
This is a productive day. Your communication skills are strong. Issues at home are harmonious. Meanwhile, you feel creative, competitive and ready to tackle anything. (Keep in mind that you're letting go of people, places and possessions in the coming year.)

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
You will be successful in improving your domestic scene in some way. This requires your attention, because recently, increased chaos and activity at home have been a demand on your time and energy.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
The Sun is in your sign and fiery Mars is in your House of Communications, which means you can talk your way into or out of anything. People will listen to you now. This is why you will easily get your way and have sway over others.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Even though your desire is to remain low-key (despite the fact that you're involved with younger people and are fairly busy), you're working hard to earn money, and you are certainly spending it.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
This is a productive day! Mars in your sign boosts your confidence and energy, and the Sun helps you schmooze and get people on board with your ideas. Meanwhile, Mercury and Jupiter at the top of your chart guarantee your ability to get doors to open for you. Bravo!

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
Today you feel you have a lot invested in what you want to say. You want to address important issues that matter to you. (You don't want to waste time on trivial chitchat.) Education, the media, the law and medicine have your attention now.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
The secret to producing a lot today is to get the successful cooperation of others. This might come about through teamwork, your involvement with a club or possibly a competition with someone.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
Things will go your way today because the Moon is in your sign, plus fiery Mars is at the top of your chart arousing your ambition. Possibly, you can explore a bit of travel. You do have a desire to "get away from it all."

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
Partnerships have your strong focus now. In fact, your ability to see your role in your closest friendships and partnerships is excellent because you have more objectivity.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
This is an industrious time for you, primarily because you're motivated to work hard, efficiently and effectively. Once you set your standards high, you deliver. Fortunately, partners and close friends are supportive.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
This is a playful time for you. Happily, things are flowing smoothly at work. Look for ways to express your creative talents, because this will be a rewarding experience for you.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Things are well-balanced right now. You're focused on home and family; however, you're also having fun enjoying social diversions and time with kids. Despite this, you're working hard. Indulge your desire for change today.

— Georgia Nicols

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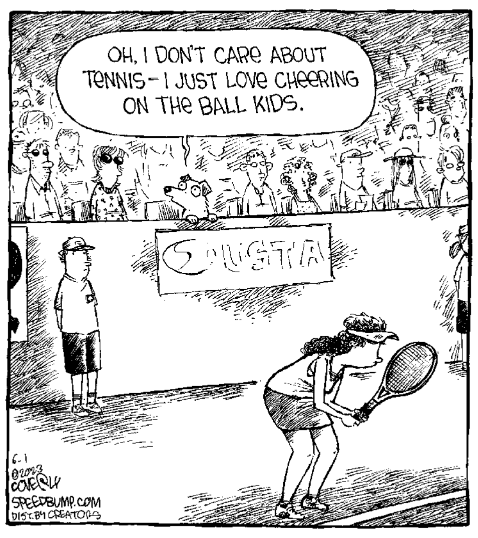
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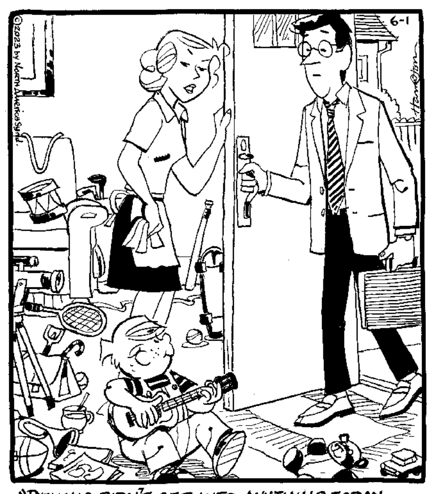
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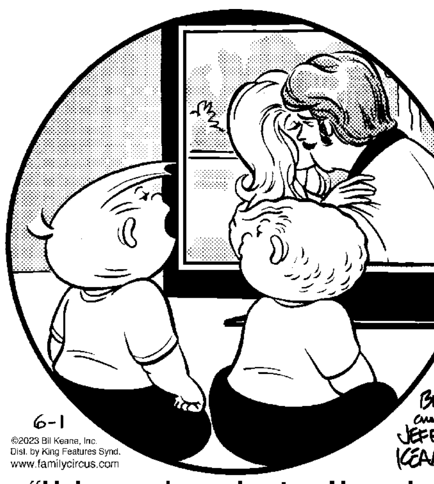
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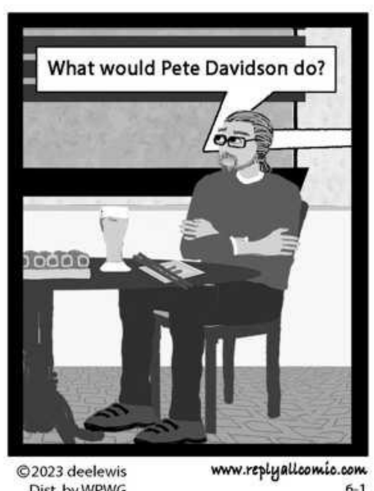
DENNIS THE MENACE H. KETCHAM


"DENNIS DIDN'T GET INTO ANYTHING TODAY... HE GOT INTO EVERYTHING!"

FAMILY CIRCUS BIL KEANE


"He's a real good actor. He makes you think he LIKES kissing."

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS



TELEVISION

TV HIGHLIGHTS



LISA ROSE/NICKELODEON/PARAMOUNT PLUS

iCarly (Paramount Plus) Carly Shay (Miranda Cosgrove) continues to deal with her adult life, including her complicated relationship with Freddie, in the show's third season.

The Blacklist (NBC at 8) In an attempt to prove the task force's worth to Congressman Hudson, Red gives the team three criminal cases that are more intricate than they appear; Ressler assists a friend in trying to make amends.

A Time to Kill (ID at 9) A gunman eludes the law for 17 years after killing an Atlanta-area man who was not well-liked by his close acquaintances.

BBQ Across America (Cooking at 9) Carolina barbecue, usually pork with a vinegar-based sauce, is showcased with a pulled pork sandwich; Michael Symon learns that pitmasters in competitions use new flavor profiles and exciting techniques to secure a winning plate.

I Survived Bear Grylls (TBS at 9) Bear Grylls has the contestants savor a signature Grylls cocktail and enter a blacked-out box to simulate an avalanche.

Top Chef (Bravo at 9) The final four arrive in Paris to compete in the infamous Wall Challenge, with their partners being U.S. Olympic and Paralympic athletes.

Celebrity Prank Wars (E! at 10) Robin Thicke makes T-Pain confront his fear of spiders; in retaliation, T-Pain persuades Robin that he's so handsome that his looks can kill.

House Hunters (HGTV at 10:01) A couple wants to trade a condo for a spacious family home in Temecula, Calif.; while their daughter focuses her efforts on getting a pool, the parents are conflicted over a budget-friendly fixer-upper and a more pricey turnkey place.

PREMIERE

Ninjago: Dragons Rising (Netflix) Two teens from different worlds must use their powers to defend dragons from the villains who want to harvest the life forces of the powerful creatures.

SPECIAL

Scripps National Spelling Bee Finals (ION at 8) This follows the 95th Scripps National Spelling Bee finals in Washington, D.C., where a student will be named the Scripps National Spelling Bee champion.

MOVIE

You'll Never Leave Me (Lifetime Movie Network at 8) After her boyfriend falls into a coma, a woman accepts the kindness of a stranger, only to realize he's not the man she believed him to be.

— Olivia McCormack

BROADCAST CHANNELS

6/1/23	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	♦ **NBC News**	♦ **Hollywood**	♦ **The Blacklist**		♦ **The Blacklist**		♦ Magnum P.I.		♦ **News**	(:35) ♦ J. Fallon
4.2 WRC (IND)	Bones		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **Fox 5**	♦ **TMZ**	♦ Alert: Missing		♦ Animal	♦ Animal	♦ **Fox 5 News at 10**		♦ **Fox 5 News**	♦ **The Final 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ **Wheel**	♦ **Jeopardy!**	♦ **NBA**	♦ **2023 NBA Finals** Game 1: Teams TBA (Live)					♦ **News**	♦ J.Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ **News**	♦ **ET**	♦ Sheldon	♦ Ghosts	♦ So Help Me Todd		♦ CSI: Vegas		♦ **9 News**	(:35) ♦ Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ **La rosa de Guadalupe**		♦ **Perdona nuestros**		♦ **El amor invencible**		♦ **Mujer**		♦ Noticias	♦ **Noticiero**
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ FamFeud	♦ Family Feud	♦ **Fox 5 News On the Plus**		♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ Big Bang	♦ Big Bang	♦ Dateline	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ Context	♦ Cook	♦ Father Brown		♦ The Yorkshire Vet		♦ Death in Paradise		♦ Farm	♦ Connection
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ **PBS NewsHour**		♦ Lewis			(:40) ♦ Lewis			(:20) ♦ **Amanpour**	
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ DW News	♦ School	♦ Movie: Fanny: The Right to Rock (2021)			♦ Reel South		♦ Journey	♦ BBC News	♦ By River
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ Neighbor	♦ Neighbor	♦ Walker		♦ 100 Days to Indy		♦ **DC News Now**		♦ Seinfeld	♦ Seinfeld
66.1 WPXW (ION)	♦ Chicago P.D.		♦ **Scripps National Spelling Bee Finals**				♦ Scripps National Spelling Bee Finals			

CABLE CHANNELS

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
A&E	60 Days In		60 Days In		60 Days In		60 Days In		(:05) 60 Days In	
AMC	(5:30) Movie: Big ★★★		Movie: The Great Outdoors ★★ (1988)				Movie: The Breakfast Club ★★★ (1985)			
Animal Planet	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
BET	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Tyler Perry's Sistas		The Family Business		All the Queen's Men	
Bravo	Vanderpump Rules		Top Chef		**Top Chef**		(:15) Movie: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone ★★★			
Cartoon Network	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	Rick
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**CNN Primetime** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)	
Comedy Central	(:10) TheOffice	(:45) TheOffice	(:20) The Office		(:55) TheOffice	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park	South Park
Discovery	(6:00) Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid: Last One Standing				Naked and Afraid: Last One Standing			
Disney	Kiff	Kiff	Big City	Big City	Ladybug	Ladybug	Marvel's Mo	Marvel's Mo	Saturdays	Saturdays
E!	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	**Celebrity Game Face**		**Celebrity Prank Wars**		**E! News**	Prank
ESPN	**Women's World Series** Game 3: Teams TBA (Live)				**Softball**	**Women's World Series** Game 4: Teams TBA (Live)				**SportsC.**
ESPN2	**SportCtr**	NBA	**NBA**	**2023 NBA Finals** NBA in Stephen A.'s World: Teams TBA (Live)					**SportsC.**	The Ulti
Food Network	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	**Beat Bobby**	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
Fox News	**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Fox News Tonight** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**The Ingraham Angle** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**	
Freeform	(6:00) Movie: Cast Away ★★★ (2000)				Cruel Summer		Cruel Summer		The 700 Club	
FX	Movie: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse ★★★ (2018)					Movie: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse ★★★ (2018)				
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: The Weddi...		Movie: The Wedding Veil Legacy (2022)				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
Hallmark M&M	Aurora Teagarden Mysteries				Aurora Teagarden Mysteries				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	(6:15) Succ..	Succession			Movie: Black Sheep ★ (1996)			Barry	Somebody	Somebody
HGTV	Fix My Flip		Fix My Flip		**Fix My Flip**		**Hunters**	**Hunters Int'l**	Hunters	Hunters Int'l
History	Skinwalker Ranch		**The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch: Digging Deeper**						(:05) Skinwalker Ranch	
Lifetime	Castle		Castle		Castle		(:05) Castle		(:05) Castle	
MASN	**World Poker Tour**		**Fight Sports: World Class Championship Boxing**				**Bensinger**	2023	**Fight Sports WCK**	
MSNBC	**The ReidOut** (Live)		**All In With** (Live)		**Alex Wagner Tonight** (Live)		**The Last Word With** (Live)		**11th Hour** (Live)	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	**All Star Shore** (P)		(:05) **All Star Shore**		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
Nat'l Geographic	Lost Tombs		Skeletons-Inca		**Life Below Ze**		**Life Below Ze**		**Pride from Above**	
NBC SportsNet WA	(6:30) 106.7 The Fan's Sports Junkies							Fairways of Life		golf
Nickelodeon	**Loud House**	**Erin & Aaron**	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**On Balance**		**Cuomo**		**Dan Abrams Live** (Live)		**Banfield**		Cuomo	
PARMT	Two Men	Two Men	Movie: Scream ★★★ (1996)					Movie: Scream 2 ★★★ (1997)		
Syfy	(:05) Movie: The Bourne Supremacy ★★★ (2004)					Movie: The Bourne Ultimatum ★★★ (2007)				
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	**I Survived Bear Grylls**		I Survived Bear Grylls		Movie: Neighbors ★★★	
TCM	(6:30) Movie: Viva Las V...		Movie: Bringing Up Baby ★★★ (1938)				Movie: Break of Hearts ★★ (1935)			Movie
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life		Crack Addicts		**Dr. Pimple Popper**		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive	
TNT	(5:00) Movie: Star Wars: T...		(:15) Movie: Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker ★★ (2019)						(:20) Movie: Knives Out	
Travel	The Dead Files		The Dead Files		**The Dead Files** (SP)		**Legion of Exorcists** (P)		The Dead Files	
TruTV	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokes	Jokes
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:05) King	(:40) King
TV One	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Different	Different	**The One**		**Asking for a Friend**		The One	
USA Network	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	**Wild 'n Out**	**Wild 'n Out**	No Limit: Chronicles		No Limit: Chronicles	
WNC8	Pain Relief	Memory	7News at 6	Oxygen	**SportsTalk**	**World News**	**WJLA News**	Relief	**The National Desk** (Live)	

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Ed Sessa

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He's 'happily married' but compelled to hound an ex from decades ago



Carolyn Hax

Carolyn Hax is away. The following first appeared March 11, 2009.

Dear Carolyn: About five years ago, I began to realize that a woman I dated 25 years earlier was someone I had stronger feelings for than I was mature enough to appreciate at the time. I had questions for her about why we hadn't blossomed into the kind of relationship I now think we both believe we were destined for.

In the past five years, I've continued to have those questions, then dreams, etc., which led me to do a paid search for her address. I wrote her twice and left a voice mail. My messages have been about old friends I bumped into who reminded me of her, what I've been doing and how I'd like to hear from her. That is, nothing too serious or about what's been on my mind.

I haven't received an answer. I've thought through the reasons she hasn't corresponded, and why I needed to talk with her, and am still at a loss. Would asking her my questions directly in a letter be a way to coax her to reconnect? Telling her that, apart from this midlife crisis of mine, I'm happily married and successful, and that all I want are answers?

— A 30-Year-Old Question

A 30-Year-Old Question: Happily married — so, your wife knows of this preoccupation?

Given those search tools, I think we've all been forced to accept the idea of our private information as public property.

But our actual selves are nobody's but ours. We give our time, companionship and affection to the people we choose, and only the people we choose.

You have given your One Who Got Away ample opportunity to invite you in, to share herself and her time. She hasn't invited you in. To press her further would be not only intrusive, verging on scary — which I'll explain in a second — but also superfluous. You have her answer already. Apparently you don't "both" believe you were destined for the kind of relationship you're thinking.

Here's why you're scaring me, and therefore, presumably, your ex: When you ignore an obvious sign that you should stop trying, it leads a person to wonder what exactly will make you stop.

That's the far more important question to put to rest, so please do so. Your current reality is telling you that your 30-year-old memories are messing with your head. Deal with that internally, not by messing with her.

Dear Carolyn: I just found out I'm pregnant with twins. Hubby and I are thrilled and totally freaked out. I'm torn over when to tell my family and friends. Do I tell them now, knowing we could miscarry — and thus have to tell everyone what happened, BUT also have support — or do I wait until the first trimester is over?

— Washington

Washington: Presumably there are people you'd tell if you miscarried; those are the people you can tell right away of your pregnancy.

And that may be, officially, the last easy decision you make. Congratulations!

Write to Carolyn Hax at *tellme@washpost.com*. Get her column delivered to your inbox each morning at *wapo.st/gethax*.

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Jimmy Butler went from unranked high school prospect to first-round draft pick. After he found a home with the Heat, the next step is his first NBA championship.

When Heat is on, Butler is ready

No longer overlooked, the all-star has Miami four wins from a title only he could have anticipated

BY MICHAEL LEE

Jimmy Butler has a No. 8 seed in the NBA Finals and wishes you would tell him the Miami Heat can't finish the job. Better yet — tell him he won't be the first player to lead a team from the play-in tournament to the title.

Some players love a good challenge. Butler can't function without one. So, please, don't give his team a shot against the heavily favored Denver Nuggets. He is prepared to hit you with the same I-know-you-ain't-talking smirk that he gave Grant Williams, the Boston Celtics' misguided taunter, in the Eastern Conference finals.

Butler's approach to the game is much like his approach to life.

Show him the harder path, and watch him exert every ounce of energy to get where he's not supposed to be — whether going from unranked high school prospect to junior college to the first round of the draft or from seldom-used backup with a line-drive jumper to six-time all-star and Olympic gold medalist. Even as a coveted free agent, rather than join a super team, he went solo, seeking out a tribe to lead.

SEE BUTLER ON D3

These Finals are just about basketball. How refreshing.

NBA Finals, Game 1: Heat at Nuggets
Today, 8:30 p.m., ABC



Jerry Brewer

During these NBA Finals, basketball will have to be enough. There are no championship-collecting icons to obsess over, no dynasties to dissect, no obvious pizazz to entice casual followers to join the avid. It's just the Denver Nuggets and the Miami Heat — two teams full of substance but lacking garnish — ready to give the sport what it needs, even if some of the audience may not want it.

Will the matchup suffice? Probably not if you care only about buzz and television ratings. But the game isn't so fragile that it will suffer because a wide-open playoffs produced something offbeat. For the long-term health of the NBA, it's an important step to witness Nikola Jokic, the fabulous, mold-breaking two-time MVP, commanding the stage with a Denver team that has some staying power as a title contender. And with load management burdening the sport, the relentless nature of Jimmy Butler and Coach Erik Spoelstra's celebrated Heat culture offers a different story.

"We have a bunch of guys that just love competition," Spoelstra said. "Just drop us off anywhere and compete for it. Put ourselves out there, open to all the criticism and

SEE BREWER ON D3

Surge of power lifts Nationals in Los Angeles

NATIONALS 10, DODGERS 6

Five homers are enough to avert series sweep

BY JESSE DOUGHERTY

LOS ANGELES — It wasn't the little details that pushed the Washington Nationals to a sweep-avoiding win over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday. The Dodgers converted each of their six steal attempts. Kyle Finnegan walked Chris Taylor on a pitch clock violation in the seventh, then Taylor scored on a game-tying single. In the eighth, in the middle of the go-ahead rally, CJ Abrams floated off second on a grounder to the right side and was tagged out between second and third.

That's not an exhaustive list, either. But what did lead the Nationals to a 10-6 victory over the first-place Dodgers: power. Lots and lots of power.

The biggest swing came from Luis García, who crushed a three-run homer in the eighth, pulling an inside slider from Brusdar Graterol, and skipped down the line while he watched it. The second-biggest came from Keibert Ruiz, who lined a two-run shot for needed insurance in the ninth, reaching for a low slider that Phil Bickford left over the plate. Not many pitches were safe in the series finale.

"Just great emotions," García said through a team interpreter. "You get to look at the dugout and see how excited your teammates are and just the way we always battle and don't give up. Just to see us in that moment, to be able to do that job . . . it's really exciting."

To set the tone, Ruiz and Abrams crushed back-to-back solo shots off Noah Syndergaard in the second, then Jeimer Candelario smacked a two-run homer off Syndergaard in the fifth. Candelario reached base safely in four of his five at-bats. Joey Meneses chipped in with two singles, a double and two runs.

The Dodgers, meanwhile, greeted Patrick Corbin with two homers in their first three at-bats

SEE NATIONALS ON D5

Phillies at Nationals
Tomorrow, 7 p.m., MASN

Outfield of the future: At Class AA, two top Nats prospects settle in. **D5**

SOCCER

D.C. United was cruising vs. CF Montréal until it wasn't — and settles for a 2-2 tie at home. **D2**

TENNIS

The Citi Open is merging with San Jose's WTA event, staying in D.C. but with a stronger field. **D6**

For the record, Howell is 'taking charge' of offense

QB wears microphone to help Commanders evaluate his progress

BY NICKI JHABVALA

For the entirety of Patrick Mahomes's 2022 season, in which he won another Super Bowl and was named the NFL's MVP, a microphone was tucked inside his jersey to grant access to a facet of his game that is typically limited to those on the field. Every play-call, every conversation on the sideline, every interaction with teammates, every celebration and every hit were recorded as part of Netflix's new docuseries, "Quarterback," which tracked the lives of several NFL signal callers.

The Commanders' quarterbacks weren't among them, but in organized team activities, the team has followed a similar approach — not for entertainment but for development. Second-year quarterback Sam Howell has worn a microphone in practices to record his play-calls and his command of the huddle, giving him and his coaches yet another tool to gauge his progress toward becoming the Commanders' starting quarterback.

"It's real interesting to watch the way you can see him stepping into the huddle," Coach Ron Rivera said. "He's taking charge, taking command."

Rivera mic'd up his quarterbacks in Carolina, and he recalled the Bears doing it when he was a linebacker for the team in the 1980s and early 1990s. But it's a new approach in Washington, where the Commanders are transitioning to a new system, led by offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy and their eighth starting quarterback in three years.

The plan is to have all of their quarterbacks — Howell, veteran

SEE COMMANDERS ON D7



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"I tell him all the time to coach me hard," second-year quarterback Sam Howell said of Eric Bieniemy, his new offensive coordinator.

Geopolitics are impossible to ignore at French Open

Fighting in Ukraine and Kosovo weighs on players

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER

PARIS — The wretched outside world has bitten this French Open and refused to let go, regardless of how the Roland Garros oasis aims to help people forget that same world via elegance, espresso stands, highbrow ice creams, mobile beverage salespeople, trees and cloth picnic chairs arrayed before a big screen showing contemplative clay-court tennis.

Ukrainian players with their invasion-ravaged hearts have appealed for keener discourse concerning Russia's 15-month-old assault. Novak Djokovic has taken an adamant swim in geopolitics.

If the idea of sport as respite long since had grown quaint, here it has grown quainter. Here's a Grand Slam tournament at a time in history when Ukrainian player Marta Kostyuk felt moved to say, "I just want to say that I'm proud of our air defense system and how they shoot almost 100 percent of things."

At a tournament that opened with fans booing Kostyuk for declining to shake hands with Belarusian Aryna Sabalenka — a war-long stance of Ukrainian players toward players from Russia and its ally Belarus — war stories continued into Wednesday.

"Coming back to the politics in sports," Ukrainian player Elina Svitolina said, "as I think all Ukrainians mention, it's connected very much because we are all

SEE FRENCH OPEN ON D6

French Open, second round
Today, 5 a.m., Tennis Channel

D.C. United comes undone late, settles for draw in ex-coach Losada's return

D.C. UNITED 2, CF MONTRÉAL 2

BY THOMAS FLOYD

Four days after D.C. United's lethargic start north of the border left Coach Wayne Rooney fuming, it was a late collapse on home soil that undid his team against another Canadian opponent.

Ariel Lassiter and Sunusi Ibrahim combined on a pair of late goals two minutes apart, and United settled for a 2-2 draw with Hernán Losada's CF Montréal on Wednesday night in the former D.C. coach's return to Audi Field. United (5-6-5), which sits eighth in the 15-team Eastern Conference, has one win in its past five matches (1-1-3).

"I thought for the majority of the game, we played very, very well and dominated and should have come away with three points," said United forward Ted Ku-DiPietro, who netted his third goal of the year. "It was very unfortunate."

Donovan Pines scored the opener for United shortly before halftime, and fellow D.C. academy product Ku-DiPietro added the second early in the second half. It was a bright start for a United team that delivered a lethargic first half in a 2-1 loss at Toronto FC on Saturday that left Rooney so frustrated by his players' effort that he made three substitutions before halftime.

But moments after Lassiter hit the post, the Montréal forward — and son of D.C. legend Roy Lassiter — swung a cross that Ibrahim nodded home to halve the deficit in the 80th minute. Pines misread a long ball deep in United's end two minutes later, and the pair capitalized as Ibrahim picked out Lassiter for a far-post strike to draw Montréal (6-8-1) level.

"It's a mistake from Donovan," Rooney said. "I just have to say Donovan has been brilliant. He's been excellent, and it happens in football."

In many ways, the teams were mirror images of each other. United and Montréal entered the contest at Audi Field one point apart in the middle of the Eastern Conference pack. Rooney and Losada turned to nearly identical formations. And the squads deployed similar tactics, sitting back, clogging the midfield and daring each other to break through.

Although neither team found much of a rhythm before halftime, United looked more threatening. Sure enough, Pines's strike came in the 44th minute. Mateusz Klich collected the ball off a short corner kick and floated a cross to the far post, where Pines directed a header past Montréal goalkeeper Jonathan Sirois for his second goal of the season.

"I was really thankful that I got [the goal]," Pines said. "But I've just got to finish it through and see out to the rest of the game."

It was Klich's sixth assist since he arrived this past offseason from English club Leeds United, moving the Polish playmaker into a tie for fourth in MLS.

United pushed for the second goal coming out of halftime and, after several minutes of sustained pressure, got it in the 59th. Andy Najar's cross ricocheted off Montréal defender Joel Waterman and into the path of Ku-DiPietro, who stabbed a shot that trickled inside the post.

The home team was seemingly coasting to victory when Lassiter and the substitute Ibrahim stunned the fans at Audi Field into silence. While a late D.C. surge — including a Christian Benteke header that drifted just wide — reinvigorated the crowd, a redemptive winner never came.

"It's a strange game, isn't it?" Rooney said. "I thought we controlled the game and never really felt worried."

Here's what else to know about United's draw:

Losada returns

The match was Losada's first trip to Audi Field since he was abruptly fired as United's coach in April 2022, reportedly amid clashes with the front office and concerns in the locker room over his physically taxing style.

Losada, a 41-year-old Argentine whose only managerial experience before United was a brief stint in charge of Belgian club Beerschot, went 16-19-5 over 15 months in D.C.

Losada is 0-1-1 against his old team after United notched a 1-0 win at Montréal last month.

Rooney shuffles squad

Rooney made two changes from the lineup he deployed for three straight matches, with wing backs Pedro Santos (thigh) and Najar (hip) making their first starts since they suffered injuries late last month. Najar offered his usual jolt of creativity down the right side, helping set up Ku-DiPietro's goal, while Santos provided much of United's attacking inspiration during the tepid first half.

Benteke captained United in the absence of midfielder Russell Canouse, who exited the loss at Toronto with a head injury.



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Donovan Pines, center right, scored D.C. United's first goal late in the first half, but Montréal scored in the 80th and 82nd minutes to rally.

SOCCER ROUNDUP

Sevilla beats Mourinho's Roma in shootout for another Europa League title

SEVILLA 1, ROMA 1 (4-1 PKS)

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Five months after scoring the winning penalty in the World Cup final, Gonzalo Montiel converted the clinching spot kick in the Europa League final to earn Sevilla a seventh title in the competition at the expense of Jose Mourinho's Roma on Wednesday.

The Argentina international sent Roma goalkeeper Rui Patrício the wrong way with his retaken penalty to seal a 4-1 win in the shootout for Sevilla after the match finished 1-1 after extra time in Budapest, where Mourinho was looking to maintain his record of having never lost a final in European competitions.

"I've won five finals, and I lost this one, but I'm coming back home proud again," Mourinho told Sky Sport Italy. "The boys gave everything."

Gianluca Mancini and Roger Ibañez failed to convert for Roma from the spot against Sevilla goalkeeper Yassine Bounou. Montiel missed his first attempt but had another chance with Patrício judged to have come off his line.

Sevilla has never lost a final of the Europa League or its precursor, the UEFA Cup — the team also won the competition in 2006, 2007, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2020 — and secured a place in next season's Champions League.

Paulo Dybala put Roma ahead in the 35th minute at Puskas Arena in the Hungarian capital.

Sevilla equalized through Mancini's own goal 10 minutes into the second half when he was under pressure from Youssef En-Nesyri.

• **MLS:** Luciano Acosta scored a first-half goal, Brandon Vazquez scored on a late penalty kick, and FC Cincinnati extended the best start in club history with a 3-1 win over host New York City FC. . . .

Tom Barlow scored the lone goal of the night shortly after subbing on in the second half, and the New York Red Bulls snapped a 10-match winless streak on the road with a 1-0 victory over Inter Miami in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. . . .

In Atlanta, Carles Gil scored in the first minute and again in the third minute of second-half stoppage time to rally the New England Revolution to a 3-3 draw with Atlanta United. . . .

Lucas Zelarayán scored a goal and had two assists to help the Columbus Crew to a 3-2 win over the Colorado Rapids in Columbus, Ohio. . . .

Backup goalkeeper Spencer Richey made four saves after entering in the first half, and the Chicago Fire played host Toronto to a scoreless draw. . . .

An own goal by Charlotte FC goalkeeper Kristijan Kahlina late in the second half gave the Philadelphia Union a 1-0 victory in Chester, Pa. . . .

Daniel Salloi and Gadi Kinda each had a goal and an assist to power Sporting Kansas City to a 2-1 win over FC Dallas after a lengthy weather delay to begin the match in Kansas City, Kan. . . .

Sebastián Driussi scored late in the second half as host Austin FC beat Minnesota United, 2-1.

• **NWSL:** Uchenna Kanu and Parker Goins scored as visiting Racing Louisville beat the Chicago Red Stars, 2-0, in a Challenge Cup matchup.

• **UNDER-20 WORLD CUP:** Italy, Nigeria, Colombia and a 10-man Brazil lineup advanced to the quarterfinal.

Host Argentina lost, 2-0, to Nigeria in front of almost 30,000 fans in San Juan, ending an unlikely campaign for the home team. Italy eliminated England with a 2-1 victory in La Plata thanks to a late goal from the penalty spot.

Brazil thrashed Tunisia, 4-1, in La Plata despite being a player down for the entire second half, and Colombia topped Slovakia, 5-1, with three of its goals scored in a four-minute span.

England's Mead to miss Cup

Forward Beth Mead will miss the World Cup after failing to recover in time from a knee injury.

Mead, who has been sidelined since November because of an ACL problem, joined key players Leah Williamson — England's captain — and Fran Kirby in missing out because of injury when the 23-person squad was announced.

Mead is a huge loss, having been the top scorer and player of the tournament last year when England won the European Championship on home soil.



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Jesús Navas, who played for Sevilla when it won its first Europa League trophy in 2006, added another title in Wednesday's final.

DIGEST

PRO BASKETBALL

Pistons pick former Suns coach Williams

The Detroit Pistons reached an agreement to hire former Phoenix Suns coach **Monty Williams**, two people familiar with the situation told the Associated Press on Wednesday.

One of the people, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the agreement had not been announced, said Williams, 51, agreed to a six-year contract. ESPN reported the deal was worth $78.5 million, making it the richest in NBA history.

Phoenix fired Williams on May 13. Two years ago, the Suns reached the NBA Finals. Last year, Williams was named coach of the year.

Dwane Casey stepped down as Detroit's coach in April after five seasons. The Pistons finished an NBA-worst 17-65.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Purdue's **Zach Edey** decided it was the right call to go back to school instead of staying in the NBA draft. His predecessor as national player of the year, Kentucky's **Oscar Tshiebwe**, is sticking with his pro pursuit.

And Connecticut's reign as NCAA champion will begin with multiple starters having left for the draft but one returning after flirting with doing the same.

The 7-foot-4 Edey and Connecticut guard **Tristen Newton** were among the notable names to announce that they are withdrawing from the draft Wednesday, the NCAA's deadline for players who declared as early entrants to pull out and retain their college eligibility.

Edey's decision came Wednesday night in social media posts from the center and the Boilermakers program that claimed a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament as he averaged 22.3 points and 12.9 rebounds.

Earlier, Tshiebwe announced he would remain in the draft after a college career that included being named national player of the year in 2022. He averaged 16.5 points and 13.7 rebounds this past season.

Newton (10.1 points) is returning after being one of four Connecticut players to declare for the draft following a run to the school's fifth national title. The others were Final Four Most Outstanding Player **Adama Sanogo**, wing **Jordan Hawkins** and guard **Andre Jackson Jr.**

Sanogo and Hawkins had made it clear that they closed the door on their college careers, but a team spokesman said Wednesday that Jackson (6.7 points) would stay in the draft.

Terrence Shannon Jr. will come back to Illinois for a fifth season. The 6-6 guard averaged 17.2 points last season.

Michigan State announced that guards **Jaden Akins** and **A.J. Hoggard** pulled out of the draft. Ohio State's **Brice Sensabaugh** is going pro after averaging 16.3 points, as is Missouri swingman **Kobe Brown** (15.8 points).

HOCKEY

Brad Treliving is the new general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs, who fired **Kyle Dubas** less than two weeks ago.

Treliving, 53, left the Calgary Flames in April following nine years that included five playoff appearances and two 100-point seasons. He joins the Maple Leafs at a crucial juncture. The Original Six franchise, whose Stanley Cup drought stands at 56 years, won a postseason series for the first time in nearly two decades with a victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning this spring, then bowed out to the Florida Panthers in five games.

Treliving must decide the future of Coach **Sheldon Keefe**, and stars **Auston Matthews** and **William Nylander** can sign contract extensions July 1. . . .

The coaching shuffle in Nashville is complete, with **Andrew Brunette** hired by the Predators a little over 12 hours after the team announced **John Hynes** had been fired.

The moves were the first made by new general manager **Barry Trotz** and came about six weeks after the Predators missed the playoffs. Brunette, 49, spent the past season as the New Jersey Devils' associate coach. . . .

The Seattle Kraken signed General Manager **Ron Francis** to a three-year contract extension through the 2026-27 season after the franchise reached the second round of the playoffs in its second season of existence.

MISC.

NASCAR issued its second massive penalty in as many days by levying huge fines against Stewart-Haas Racing for an alleged "counterfeit part" found on **Chase Briscoe**'s car during a secondary inspection after the Coca-Cola 600.

SHR's No. 14 team was docked 120 points apiece in the owner standings and Briscoe's driver standings, and he was stripped of 25 playoff points. **John Klausmeier**, the crew chief, was suspended for six races and was fined $250,000. SHR is accused of using an illegal part in an attempt to create more downforce on Briscoe's car.

The penalties came a day after **Chase Elliott** was suspended for one race after deliberately wrecking **Denny Hamlin** during Monday's rain-delayed race. . . .

University of Cincinnati baseball coach **Scott Googins** resigned after six seasons.

Last week, Cincinnati announced assistant **Kyle Sprague** and director of operations **Andy Nagel** were fired following an investigation of possible NCAA violations. Two people familiar with the situation said the firings were related to contact the staffers had with an Indiana man who gaming regulators believe made suspicious wagers on an Alabama baseball game. . . .

Individual NCAA champion **Fred Biondi** beat **Hiroshi Tai**, 1 up, with a par on the 18th hole to give Florida its fifth men's golf national title in a 3-1 win over Georgia Tech in Scottsdale, Ariz.

— From news services

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

1 p.m.	**Philadelphia at New York Mets** » MLB Network
4 p.m.	**Colorado at Arizona** » MLB Network (joined in progress)
8 p.m.	**Los Angeles Angels at Houston** » Fox Sports 1

NBA FINALS

8:30 p.m.	**Game 1: Miami at Denver** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2), WTEM (980 AM)

GOLF

7 a.m.	**DP World Tour: European Open, first round** » Golf Channel
11 a.m.	**LPGA Tour: Americas Open, first round** » Golf Channel
2 p.m.	**PGA Tour: Memorial, first round** » Golf Channel

TENNIS

5 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: French Open, second round** » Tennis Channel

COLLEGE SOFTBALL — WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Noon	**Alabama vs. Tennessee** » ESPN
2:30 p.m.	**Stanford vs. Oklahoma** » ESPN
7 p.m.	**Oklahoma State vs. Florida State** » ESPN
9:30 p.m.	**Utah vs. Washington** » ESPN

PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

Underdogs who evolved into superstars will tangle in the new-look Finals

BY BEN GOLLIVER

DENVER — There's a throwntogether feel to the start of these NBA Finals as the Denver Nuggets get their first taste of hosting professional basketball's premier event and the Miami Heat recalibrates on the fly after a marathon Eastern Conference finals.

Ball Arena was abuzz with beeping forklifts and buzzing television trailers Wednesday, and a makeshift tent was set up to accommodate hundreds of media members who don't typically make their way to the Mile High City. One Nuggets player looked at the wall of cameras that flanked the court and used an expletive while dubbing the scene a "zoo."

But Denver's Nikola Jokic and Miami's Jimmy Butler, the series headliners, were not caught up in the excitement. As Nuggets Coach Michael Malone rhapsodized about Jokic's low-key personality and authenticity, the Serbian center, who looked bored as he sat slightly off camera, sarcastically nodded his head and applauded the assessment. When it was Butler's turn to take questions, he tried to swat a moth that was fluttering around the room and quipped that he would listen to the Spice Girls to pump himself up before Thursday's Game 1.

Though Jokic and Butler hail from opposite sides of the globe, play different positions and have contrasting physiques, they share more than just a knack for maintaining levity. After a decade of Finals dominated by LeBron James, Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant and Kawhi Leonard, Jokic





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Denver's Nikola Jokic, left, and Miami's Jimmy Butler entered the NBA as afterthoughts but reached an all-star level by their fourth years.

and Butler are chasing their first championship rings. And both stars, who gradually transformed from draft afterthoughts into franchise players, have become accustomed to the underdog role.

"I think we're not the favorite," Jokic said. "In the Finals, there is no favorites."

The oddsmakers strongly disagree, having installed the Nuggets as clear favorites to win the title and Jokic as the top pick for Finals MVP honors. Denver won nine more games than the Heat in the regular season, blitzed through the Western Conference playoffs with a 12-3 record and swept James's Los Angeles Lakers out of the West finals to secure a nine-day break before the Finals. The Nuggets also hold home-court advantage after going 34-7 in the regular season and 8-0 in the playoffs at Ball Arena.

Miami, by contrast, won 44 games in the regular season, lost its first play-in tournament game and then beat the Chicago Bulls in a second play-in game to claim the Eastern Conference's eighth seed. From there, the Heat has ripped off a 12-6 postseason, knocking out Giannis Antetokounmpo and the top-seeded Milwaukee Bucks, the fifth-seeded New York Knicks and the second-seeded Boston Celtics. Most impressively, the Heat responded to a last-second Game 6 loss to the Celtics with a stunning Game 7 rout Monday in Boston, a signature victory that reflected Butler's well-earned reputation for resilience.

Jokic, 28, knows the long road, too. As a teenage prospect from Sombor, a town in northwest Serbia, he was invited to major international scouting events but wasn't viewed as a Luka Doncic-like phenom. After dropping to the second round of the 2014 draft — ESPN was airing a Taco Bell commercial when he was selected with the 41st pick — Jokic didn't become a full-time starter until midway through his second year.

"I was bringing Nikola off the bench," Malone said. "I remember having the conversation [in December 2016] about, 'What am I doing?' This kid was all-rookie as a center. I started him that next game. That's when our team took off. He became the focal point of everything we did. We realized that we had a player that we could build an offense, a team and an organization around."

The Nuggets didn't reach the playoffs until Jokic's fourth season. The 6-foot-11 and 284-pound big man dropped weight, improved his conditioning and emerged as an all-star at 23 thanks to his deft passing and scoring ability.

Jokic kept raising his game and stuffing the box score, winning back-to-back MVP awards in 2021 and 2022. Still, serious doubts lingered about his ability to lead a championship team as his lack of defensive mobility and versatility cost Denver during playoff series against James, Curry and Chris Paul.

"In some ways, it's a mirror-image series," Heat Coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Not in terms of style but teams that probably have been overlooked, underestimated and built a chip on their shoulder over that."

Butler was kicked out of his mother's home as a teenager in Tomball, Tex., and was taken in by a friend's family. A stint at Tyler (Tex.) Junior College helped him land at Marquette, where he played for three seasons before he was selected by the Bulls with the 30th pick of the 2011 draft. Like Jokic, Butler began his career riding the bench but blossomed into an all-star in his fourth season.

As the 6-7 Butler developed into a bruising two-way wing, he faced questions about his coachability and leadership skills. An alpha personality who talked tough and had little patience for losing, Butler was traded by the Bulls and Minnesota Timberwolves in quick succession. A subsequent stop with the Philadelphia 76ers lasted mere months before he found a home with the Heat in 2019. Flourishing in a no-nonsense culture that prizes competitiveness and results, Butler led Miami to the 2020 NBA Finals and to three East finals appearances in the past four seasons.

"I'm not perfect or anywhere near it. But I'm me," the 33-year-old said. "My style of leadership works here. I would like to say that I'm never rattled. I'm very calm. I'm very consistent in everything that I do. It's when my guys look at me like that, they follow suit in every single way. I love that about them because they're never shook."

Though Jokic and Butler play for teams that favor collective philosophies on offense and defense, their individual performances will go a long way to deciding this series. Jokic's size, strength and improvisational style make him a nightmare matchup for Bam Adebayo and Miami's undersized front line, while Butler's sledgehammer physicality and late-game heroics will test the likes of Denver's Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and Aaron Gordon. Only one star will get to enjoy a long-sought-after payoff.

"I never thought that I'm going to come here, but I'm playing the same way since my days in Sombor," Jokic said. "I didn't change. Maybe I upgraded a little bit, but I didn't trade my style of play since Day One. And it's working."

Big-game hunter Butler aiming to claim first ring

BUTLER FROM D1

"One of his great qualities is he seeks contact. He never shies away from it," says Mike Marquis, Butler's coach at Tyler (Tex.) Junior College, which took a chance on him and provided a springboard to success.

To Butler, contact doesn't just mean a physical collision. It's confrontation. It's engagement. It's emotion. It's never dull. He loves it when he makes it to the other side. And he doesn't do this to gloat. It's mostly to show himself that it can be done — so he can attempt something else even more outrageous.

He's in the Finals for the second time in four seasons, a remarkable accomplishment considering that the other marquee free agents in the summer of 2019 — Kawhi Leonard, Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving — haven't advanced to the conference finals after forming all-star alliances. Durant and Irving are already on their second teams.

Butler isn't here by chance. He likes to speak his success into existence by betting on himself. When you have defied expectations as often as he has, it builds the kind of confidence that can be confused with delusion.

After Miami lost to Boston in seven games in the conference finals last year, Butler vowed that his team would come back and get it done. On the anniversary of his pledge, it happened.

Before these playoffs began — even before Miami lost to the Atlanta Hawks in its opening play-in game and then rallied to beat the Chicago Bulls in its second, earning the eighth seed — Butler sent a message to tennis star and Heat fan Coco Gauff with an offer of Finals tickets.

"He didn't say 'if we make the Finals.' He said 'when we make the Finals,' " Gauff told reporters at the French Open. "I really like that mentality."

Overlooked in Houston

At 33, he still plays with a desperation that comes from being ignored at Tomball High, just outside of Houston. His coach there, Brad Ball, thought he had the best player in the area but couldn't convince college scouts to come watch him work out.

"It's hard to take chances on guys who aren't ranked because, if you miss, it can get you in trouble with your boss," Ball says. "But he was really good."

Ball has coached gym rats, but he has had just one Butler, whose addiction to working on his game has yet to be matched by any of Ball's other players. "He's in competition with himself," says Ball, now the coach at Olathe West High in Kansas, "to see how good he can be."

But what separates Butler, Ball says, is his intelligence: "He's always the brightest guy in the room. He's always a step ahead."

During Butler's senior year, Ball recalls sitting in on an economics class in which students were taught about investing. Butler was a huge fan of the Rockets' Tracy McGrady and decided he would buy stock in McGrady's shoe brand, Adidas. Butler's teacher told him that he shouldn't buy a stock just because his favorite player wears those shoes. "And I'll never forget," Ball says. "We kind of looked at each other. And he was like, 'If you had bought Nike stock because Michael Jordan wore those shoes, you'd be a rich lady right now.' "

But with no colleges calling, Butler wound up at Tyler. Marquis says he got a tip from Texas high school recruiting analyst Alan Branch that there was a player in Tomball who deserved a shot. Marquis drove down and quickly realized he had something special.

These days, the lobby outside Tyler's Wagstaff Gymnasium is named for Butler and features a trophy case with photographs and a box of cornflakes with his image on the front. Butler was awarded the key to the city in 2018. "Earl Campbell doesn't have a key to the city," Marquis says with a laugh about the Hall of Fame running back nicknamed the "Tyler Rose."

Marquis wouldn't dare claim he knew Butler would reach this level of success. But he was confident he would find a way to stick in the league after the Bulls drafted him 30th in 2011 out of Marquette. "I knew he was going to outwork whoever his competition was," Marquis says. "I knew that."

A pickup pummeling

Butler puts the petty in competitive, but he refuses to stack the deck in his favor. "He's the type of guy who feels like, if you give him four guys that's going to play hard, he's got a chance to beat anybody in the world," says Jae Crowder, Butler's teammate at Marquette and during the 2019-20 season in Miami.

At an infamous practice with Minnesota in 2018, Butler, in a contract dispute with management at the time, angrily dominated the Timberwolves' starters with third-stringers and G Leaguers before forcing a trade. But when Marquis watched the story unfold on ESPN, he couldn't help but recall a similar incident a few years earlier when Butler, then with the Bulls, returned to Tyler one summer to work out.

Butler was taking it easy during pickup games. But afterward, he was icing his knees in the training room when members of Tyler's team started talking trash about the shots they hit on him, questioning how he was in the NBA. Marquis overheard the banter and rolled his eyes. Butler didn't bother responding. He just looked at Marquis and asked, "Coach, what time are we running tomorrow?"

He showed up the next day with some former Tyler players and picked up a walk-on from the current squad. Then he couldn't be stopped, passing and defending his way to win after win. He wouldn't score until it was game point, punctuating each victory with a reminder that landfills are cluttered with the trash he talks.

"I told my guys, 'You deserved every bit of that,' " Marquis says.

But Butler didn't want to leave Tyler's players with their confidence in tatters. Instead, Marquis says, Butler gathered them afterward, gave a motivational speech and promised that if they won the region tournament title, he would show up to celebrate with them.

"He came to the championship game, and we won it," says Marquis, a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association Men's Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame with more than 700 victories.

Before he made it to Miami, Butler's demands that he be pushed to the limit came across as abrasive and disruptive. He found himself playing for four teams in four years, with Chicago, Minnesota and Philadelphia believing he wasn't worth the trouble when they couldn't get past the second round of the playoffs. That attitude works in Miami, though. It's an organization, led by Hall of Fame team president Pat Riley, in which accountability is unavoidable and undervalued competitors thrive.

Last season, during a game against Golden State, Butler got into a dispute with Heat Coach Erik Spoelstra that escalated when Udonis Haslem threatened to beat him up and Spoelstra smashed a clipboard and had to be restrained by several players. Instead of being a disruption that splintered the team, it was just another day with Butler.

"He expects a ton from himself," Marquis says. "He holds himself to a standard that few others do. . . . And sometimes that is frustrating when you feel you've put more into it than the next person."

Worthy opponents only

Butler isn't some bully seeking out the weakest to overpower. He's a big-game hunter. During his first trip to the Finals, in the NBA's Disney World bubble, he famously told LeBron James in Game 3, "You're in trouble," while serving up a 40-point triple-double. This postseason, during the clinching victory in the Heat's first-round upset of the Milwaukee Bucks, he showed Jrue Holiday, one of the league's best perimeter defenders, his point total on the video board and told him those buckets were "on your head."

Butler takes his work seriously but also finds time to make a mockery of opponents — and himself. He started this season by showing up to media day with gold-tipped hair extensions so he would have the most ridiculous picture for his team bio. He keeps receipts, too. Last postseason, when Miami eliminated his previous team, Philadelphia, he headed to the locker room questioning the 76ers' decision-making by shouting, "Tobias Harris over me?!"

After Miami routed Boston in Monday's Game 7 to avoid the ignominy of becoming the first NBA team to blow a 3-0 series lead, Heat teammate Bam Adebayo offered the Eastern Conference championship trophy to Butler, but he refused. "I'll hold the next one," he replied.

Laugh if you want, but there's enough evidence to trust him this time. "He has an amazing ability," Marquis says, "to rise to the occasion."

JERRY BREWER

This unfamiliar matchup is just what NBA needs

BREWER FROM D1

everything. But, hey, it's got to happen between these four lines. We don't care what the rest of the world is saying. We don't care who is criticizing who. You've got to line up between these four lines, and let's figure this out."

Those four lines. Baseline to baseline. Sideline to sideline. The Finals will live humbly within that space.

The Nuggets, the top team in the Western Conference for nearly the entire season, won't have a problem competing. They advanced to the Finals for the first time in franchise history. With Jokic serving as their point center, with Jamal Murray healthy and attacking, they're a dynamite offensive team with a strong defensive scheme and the right complementary pieces to enhance their athleticism and toughness. If not for the historically low opinion of the Nuggets, they would have been taken seriously as a top contender all season. But they have been able to turn feeling slighted into motivation. They play with an edge that has developed gradually over Coach Michael Malone's eight seasons in Denver.

With home-court advantage and a better roster, Denver will have to get comfortable in the favorite's role now. The Heat, just the second No. 8 seed to make the championship round, trailed with three minutes left in the play-in tournament before going on this run. Don't call it a magical run, however. It's a convincing one that has included the Heat taking down two prime contenders, Milwaukee and Boston. It is not just any 44-38 team. It is a 44-38 team that made the Finals in 2020 and fell one three-pointer shy of another appearance last season.

It's hard to know how a Nuggets team with several Finals newbies will react to the



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Nikola Jokic, left, a two-time MVP, finally will be on the NBA's biggest stage when his Nuggets face Bam Adebayo and the Heat.

bright lights. They don't figure to be timid, however.

"You get to the Finals, it's not about seeding anymore, and for those who are thinking that this is going to be an easy series, I don't even know what to say to you people," Malone said. "This is going to be the biggest challenge of our lives."

This is just the second Finals since 2011 in which neither LeBron James nor Stephen Curry's Golden State Warriors will appear. And both of those Finals have occurred within the past three years, signaling the transition from that great era. In 2021, the Milwaukee Bucks and Phoenix Suns interrupted 10 straight years of familiarity, and it was far from boring. The series ended with a Giannis Antetokounmpo masterpiece in Game 6. He finished with 50 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks to complete a Finals MVP performance and deliver Milwaukee its first NBA title in 50 years.

Jokic is in the same position that Antetokounmpo was in two years ago. Antetokounmpo endured similar criticism for failing to translate back-to-back regular season MVPs into postseason success. He just kept evolving, kept making winning plays. In his own style, Joker has been just as steadfast.

For most of its history, the NBA has been defined by championship-hogging superstars and all-time great teams. Before this James/Curry period, Tim Duncan, Shaquille O'Neal or Kobe Bryant was featured in every Finals from 1999 to 2010. From 1980 to 1998, the Celtics, Los Angeles Lakers, Chicago Bulls, Houston Rockets or Detroit Pistons had a representative in every Finals. All five of those teams claimed multiple championships. In fact, there was only one other team that hoisted the trophy during that span: the Philadelphia 76ers in 1983.

The NBA is such a league of repetitive dominance that it's only natural to turn your nose up at something new. But this is a good time to shift the conversation. The old storylines were getting stale. If these playoffs had yielded another James or Curry moment in the Finals, it would have been the result of competitive malpractice from the rest of the league.

Instead, two persistent teams made it this far with cleverly built rosters and unselfish play. You will hear a lot about Jokic and Butler, and the material will be fresh. It won't be a prolonged discussion of legacy. They're just trying to break through, finally.

Ask Butler about his team, and he says: "I don't call them role players. I call them teammates because your role can change any given day, especially how many games I've missed, in and out of lineup, off nights, whatever you want to call it. But we have some hoopers. We have some real-deal basketball players that can score, can defend and can pass and can win games for us."

Ask Jokic about himself, and he focuses on parenthood.

"Basketball is not the main thing in my life, and [it's] probably never going to be," said Jokic, whose daughter, Ognjena, was born in 2021. "And to be honest, I look at it because I have something more at home that is more important than basketball. I knew that, but this kind of proved me that I'm correct."

If the Nuggets and Heat don't seem like a dream matchup, perhaps that's partly because a few legends discouraged such imagination. Not this season, though. The 2023 Finals are unfamiliar, and as odd as it seems right now, the change may prove refreshing.

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	33	23	.589	—	4-6	W-1
Miami	29	27	.518	4	5-5	W-1
New York	29	27	.518	4	6-4	W-2
Philadelphia	25	30	.455	7½	4-6	L-3
Washington	24	32	.429	9	5-5	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	29	26	.527	—	5-5	W-1
Pittsburgh	28	27	.509	1	4-6	W-2
Cincinnati	26	29	.473	3	7-3	W-5
St. Louis	25	32	.439	5	5-5	W-1
Chicago	24	31	.436	5	4-6	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Los Angeles	34	23	.596	—	5-5	L-1
x-Arizona	32	23	.582	1	7-3	W-3
San Francisco	28	28	.500	5½	6-4	L-2
San Diego	25	30	.455	8	5-5	L-1
x-Colorado	24	32	.429	9½	5-5	L-2

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	40	18	.690	—	6-4	W-1
Baltimore	35	21	.625	4	5-5	L-1
x-New York	34	23	.596	5½	7-3	W-4
Toronto	29	27	.518	10	4-6	L-1
Boston	28	27	.509	10½	3-7	L-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Minnesota	29	27	.518	—	4-6	W-1
Detroit	26	28	.481	2	6-4	W-1
Cleveland	25	30	.455	3½	5-5	W-1
Chicago	23	35	.397	7	4-6	L-1
Kansas City	17	39	.304	12	3-7	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Texas	35	20	.636	—	7-3	L-1
Houston	32	23	.582	3	6-4	L-1
Los Angeles	30	27	.526	6	6-4	W-1
x-Seattle	28	27	.509	7	6-4	L-2
Oakland	12	46	.207	24½	2-8	L-1

x-Late game



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Long gone

Shohei Ohtani hit two homers, including the longest of his MLB career, as the Angels beat the White Sox.

O's strategy backfires against heavy hitters

GUARDIANS 12, ORIOLES 8

BY JACOB CALVIN MEYER

BALTIMORE — When Grayson Rodriguez was sent down last week, it left a hole in the Baltimore Orioles' rotation.

Rather than call up one of its Class AAA starters — a rotation that has helped lead the Norfolk Tides to one of the best records in the minor leagues — Baltimore elected to get through Wednesday's game against the Cleveland Guardians by using just its bullpen.

That backfired.

Seven Orioles relievers combined to allow 12 runs and 17 hits to the Guardians in a 12-8 defeat that handed Baltimore a series loss — its second straight for the first time this season.

Opener Keegan Akin, bulk man Austin Voth, left-hander Cionel Pérez, veteran Mychal Givens and right-hander Mike Baumann combined to throw the first 6⅓ innings and surrender all 12 runs. The poor performance from the bullpen spoiled an eight-run output from the Orioles' lineup, seven of which were scored after Baltimore had no runners on with two outs.

Cleveland entered the series at Camden Yards as the worst offense in the majors by OPS, but the Orioles struggled to tame the Guardians, who produced 22 runs across the three games.

Despite the loss, the Orioles end May with a 16-12 record. The month was expected to be a litmus test for Baltimore after it overachieved in 2022 and then feasted on a relatively easy April schedule, but the Orioles made it through and still have one of the best records in the major leagues at 35-21.

— Baltimore Sun

Nationals 10, Dodgers 6

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Thomas rf-cf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.284
García 2b	5	1	2	3	0	2	.269
Meneses dh	5	2	3	0	0	0	.300
Dickerson lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.270
Garrett lf-rf	1	1	1	0	0	0	.263
Candelario 3b	3	1	2	3	2	1	.265
D.Smith 1b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.269
Ruiz c	4	3	3	3	0	0	.237
Abrams ss	5	1	1	1	0	1	.236
Call cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.207
I.Vargas ph-lf	1	1	0	0	0	0	.304
TOTALS	39	10	12	10	3	7	—

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Betts rf	5	2	2	2	0	0	.252
Freeman 1b	4	2	2	0	1	0	.346
W.Smith c	4	1	2	2	1	1	.311
Martinez dh	3	0	1	0	2	2	.278
Muncy 3b	4	0	0	1	1	1	.209
Taylor lf	3	1	1	0	2	1	.211
M.Vargas 2b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Rojas ss	5	0	2	1	0	0	.214
T.Thompson cf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.155
Heyward ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.228
TOTALS	37	6	11	6	7	9	—

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L.A.	301	000	110	— 6	11	1

E: García (2), Graterol (1). **LOB:** Washington 7, Los Angeles 11. **2B:** Meneses (14), García (8), Garrett (5), Martinez (14), Rojas (5). **HR:** Ruiz (6), off Syndergaard; Abrams (6), off Syndergaard; Candelario (7), off Syndergaard; García (4), off Graterol; Ruiz (7), off Bickford; Betts (12), off Corbin; W.Smith (8), off Corbin; Betts (13), off Finnegan. **RBI:** Ruiz 3 (23), Abrams (29), Candelario 3 (25), García 3 (24), Betts 2 (33), W.Smith 2 (30), Muncy (40), Rojas (4). **SB:** Taylor 2 (6), Freeman 2 (8), Call (4), Rojas 2 (3), Candelario (1).

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Corbin	5	7	4	3	4	2	88	4.92
Edwards Jr.	1	1	0	0	2	2	22	2.66
Finnegan	1	2	2	2	1	3	23	4.91
Harvey	2	1	0	0	0	2	34	3.42

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Syndergaard	5	7	5	5	2	2	96	6.54
Ferguson	1	1	0	0	0	1	14	1.35
Vesia	1	1	0	0	1	2	13	8.25
Graterol	1	1	3	0	0	1	16	1.90
Bickford	1	2	2	2	0	1	11	6.92

WP: Finnegan (2-2); **LP:** Graterol (2-2); **S:** Harvey (3). **IBB:** off Edwards Jr. (Freeman), off Vesia (Candelario). **HBP:** Syndergaard (Call), Graterol (Ruiz). **T:** 2:49. **A:** 36,552 (56,000).

HOW THEY SCORED

DODGERS FIRST
Mookie Betts homers to left field. Freddie Freeman singles to deep left field. **Will Smith homers to center field. Freddie Freeman scores.** J.D. Martinez walks. Max Muncy grounds out to first base. J.D. Martinez out at second. Chris Taylor singles to center field. Miguel Vargas flies out to shallow left field to CJ Abrams.
Dodgers 3, Nationals 0
NATIONALS SECOND
Jeimer Candelario walks. Dominic Smith grounds out to second base. Jeimer Candelario out at second. **Keibert Ruiz homers to center field. CJ Abrams homers to center field.** Alex Call flies out to shallow left field to Chris Taylor.
Dodgers 3, Nationals 2
NATIONALS THIRD
Lane Thomas grounds out to shallow infield, Noah Syndergaard to Freddie Freeman. Luis Garcia called out on strikes. Joey Meneses singles to shallow center field. Corey Dickerson walks. Joey Meneses to second. **Jeimer Candelario singles to right field. Corey Dickerson to third. Joey Meneses scores.** Dominic Smith flies out to center field to Trayce Thompson.
Nationals 3, Dodgers 3
DODGERS THIRD
Freddie Freeman reaches on error. Fielding error by Luis Garcia. Will Smith singles to right field, advances to 2nd. Freddie Freeman to third. J.D. Martinez walks. **Max Muncy walks. J.D. Martinez to second. Will Smith to third. Freddie Freeman scores.** Chris Taylor strikes out swinging. Miguel Vargas pops out to Dominic Smith. Miguel Rojas reaches on a fielder's choice to shortstop. Max Muncy out at second.
Dodgers 4, Nationals 3
NATIONALS FIFTH
Luis Garcia grounds out to third base, Max Muncy to Freddie Freeman. Joey Meneses doubles to shallow left field. Corey Dickerson lines out to shallow center field to Miguel Vargas. **Jeimer Candelario homers to center field. Joey Meneses scores.** Dominic Smith grounds out to shallow right field, Freddie Freeman to Noah Syndergaard.
Nationals 5, Dodgers 4
DODGERS SEVENTH
Max Muncy strikes out swinging. Chris Taylor walks. Miguel Vargas strikes out swinging. Chris Taylor steals second. **Miguel Rojas singles to center field. Chris Taylor scores.** Jason Heyward pinch-hitting for Trayce Thompson. Jason Heyward strikes out swinging.
Nationals 5, Dodgers 5
NATIONALS EIGHTH
Keibert Ruiz hit by pitch. CJ Abrams reaches on a fielder's choice to shallow infield, advances to 2nd. Keibert Ruiz to third. Throwing error by Brusdar Graterol. Ildemaro Vargas pinch-hitting for Alex Call. Ildemaro Vargas reaches on a fielder's choice to second base. CJ Abrams out at third. Lane Thomas called out on strikes. **Luis Garcia homers to right field. Ildemaro Vargas scores. Keibert Ruiz scores.** Joey Meneses grounds out to third base, Max Muncy to Freddie Freeman.
Nationals 8, Dodgers 5
DODGERS EIGHTH
Mookie Betts homers to center field. Freddie Freeman singles to left field. Will Smith strikes out swinging. Freddie Freeman steals second. J.D. Martinez strikes out swinging. Max Muncy lines out to center field to Lane Thomas.
Nationals 8, Dodgers 6
NATIONALS NINTH
Stone Garrett doubles to right field. Jeimer Candelario strikes out swinging. Dominic Smith flies out to deep left field to Chris Taylor. Stone Garrett to third. **Keibert Ruiz homers to center field. Stone Garrett scores.** CJ Abrams grounds out to second base, Miguel Vargas to Freddie Freeman.
Nationals 10, Dodgers 6

NL leaders

Entering Wednesday's games

BATTING

Arraez, Mia	.376
Freeman, LA	.344
Díaz, Col	.329
Acuña Jr., Atl	.323
Gurriel Jr., Ari	.312
De La Cruz, Mia	.301

HOME RUNS

Alonso, NY	20
Muncy, LA	17
Soler, Mia	17
Olson, Atl	17
Wisdom, Chi	14
Gorman, StL	13
Schwarber, Phi	13
Tellez, Mil	12

AL leaders

Entering Wednesday's games

BATTING

Bichette, Tor	.331
Díaz, TB	.320
Yoshida, Bos	.313
Hays, Bal	.311
Urshela, LA	.306
Rizzo, NY	.304
Judge, NY	.303

HOME RUNS

Judge, NY	18
Alvarez, Hou	14
García, Tex	14
Devers, Bos	13
Robert Jr., Chi	13
Ohtani, LA	13
Díaz, TB	12

Guardians 12, Orioles 8

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	6	3	3	0	0	1	.263
Rosario ss	5	1	0	0	1	0	.233
Ramírez 3b	6	2	3	1	0	1	.277
Naylor 1b	5	3	4	6	0	0	.251
Bell dh	4	1	1	1	1	3	.224
Arias rf	3	1	1	2	2	2	.198
Giménez 2b	5	0	4	2	0	0	.242
Straw cf	4	0	0	0	1	2	.231
Gallagher c	5	1	1	0	0	2	.131
TOTALS	43	12	17	12	5	11	—

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Frazier 2b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.246
Rutschman c	5	1	4	1	0	0	.289
Santander dh	5	1	1	2	0	0	.277
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.233
Henderson 3b	4	1	0	0	1	2	.201
Hicks cf	2	2	2	0	1	0	1.00
Vavra lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.245
O'Hearn rf	4	1	2	2	1	0	.279
Mateo ss	4	1	1	1	0	0	.228
McKenna lf-cf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.246
TOTALS	39	8	12	8	4	7	—

CLEVELAND	102	350	100	— 12	17	0
BALTIMORE	041	210	000	— 8	12	1

E: Mateo (7). **LOB:** Cleveland 9, Baltimore 8. **2B:** Ramírez 2 (16), Naylor 2 (8), Gallagher (2), Mateo (7), Frazier (8), O'Hearn 2 (4). **HR:** Naylor (8), off Pérez; Bell (4), off Pérez; Arias (4), off Baumann; Santander (9), off Bieber. **RBI:** Ramírez (29), Giménez 2 (12), Naylor 6 (40), Bell (25), Arias 2 (6), Mateo (23), McKenna 2 (8), Rutschman (28), O'Hearn 2 (13), Santander 2 (33). **SB:** Kwan (10), Naylor (4). **CS:** Giménez (2).

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bieber	4	8	7	7	2	4	3.72
Curry	1	1	1	1	1	0	2.45
Hentges	1	1	0	0	1	1	3.38
De Los Santos	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.71
Stephan	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.93
Clase	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.33

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Akin	1	2	1	1	0	1	5.14
Voth	2⅓	5	3	3	3	3	4.71
Pérez	⅔	3	2	2	1	0	4.87
Givens	0	2	3	3	1	0	11.2
Baumann	2⅓	4	3	3	0	3	4.20
Baker	1⅔	1	0	0	0	3	3.55
Coulombe	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.18

WP: Curry (2-0); **LP:** Givens (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Pérez 1-1, Baumann 3-3, Baker 1-0. **T:** 3:11. **A:** 11,304 (45,971).

Tigers 3, Rangers 2

Jake Rogers hit a tie-breaking sacrifice fly in the sixth inning and Jake Marisnick followed with a run-scoring single during his Detroit debut as the Tigers beat Texas.

The Rangers won two of three and have won six straight road series for the first time.

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.295
Seager dh	5	0	2	0	0	1	.319
Lowe 1b	5	0	2	1	0	2	.277
García rf	4	0	1	0	0	3	.257
Jung 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.295
Heim c	4	0	1	1	0	0	.282
Taveras cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.309
J.Smith ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.211
Thompson lf	2	0	1	0	0	1	.170
Grossman ph-lf	1	1	0	0	1	1	.240
TOTALS	36	2	11	2	3	9	—

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McKinstry rf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.288
Baddoo lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.262
Haase ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Báez ss	4	0	1	1	0	0	.225
Torkelson 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.237
Maton 2b	2	1	1	0	1	1	.167
Schoop ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.214
Nevin dh	4	1	2	0	0	1	.143
Short 3b-2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.302
Rogers c	3	0	0	1	0	2	.156
Marisnick cf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.500
TOTALS	35	3	11	3	1	9	—

TEXAS	000	100	100	— 2	11	1
DETROIT	001	002	00X	— 3	11	0

E: J.Smith (5). **LOB:** Texas 10, Detroit 10. **2B:** García (9), Semien (15), Jung (11), Báez (8). **3B:** Taveras (2).

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Dunning	5	7	3	3	1	6	2.06
Hernández	⅓	2	0	0	0	0	5.57
Burke	1⅔	2	0	0	0	2	3.13
Leclerc	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.31

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wentz	4⅓	7	1	1	1	5	7.28
Vest	1⅔	0	0	0	0	1	2.84
Shreve	⅔	2	1	1	1	0	4.95
Foley	1⅓	2	0	0	0	1	1.57
Lange	1	0	0	0	1	2	1.16

WP: Vest (2-0); **LP:** Dunning (4-1); **S:** Lange (10). **Inherited runners-scored:** Hernández 2-2, Burke 2-0, Vest 1-0, Foley 1-0. **T:** 2:44. **A:** 20,968 (41,083).

Angels 12, White Sox 5

Shohei Ohtani homered in consecutive innings, including a 459-foot drive that was the longest of his MLB career, and drove in four runs to lead Los Angeles over Chicago.

Mike Trout hit a 476-foot home run in the first inning.

ANGELS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Moniak rf-cf	5	2	2	0	0	1	.327
Trout cf	3	2	1	2	0	1	.278
Rengifo rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.198
Ohtani dh	3	3	2	4	1	0	.269
Wallach ph-dh	1	1	1	1	0	0	.259
Ward lf	4	2	2	2	0	1	.232
Thaiss c	4	1	1	0	1	0	.295
Urshela 3b	3	1	1	0	2	1	.307
Walsh 1b	5	0	2	3	0	0	.185
Neto ss	5	0	0	0	0	1	.238
Soto 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.333
TOTALS	38	12	13	12	4	6	—

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ti.Anderson ss	3	1	1	0	1	0	.263
Burger 2b	1	1	1	1	0	0	.270
Benintendi lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.267
Frazier ph-lf	2	0	1	1	0	0	.261
Robert Jr. cf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.260
Jiménez dh	5	1	1	0	0	1	.268
Moncada 3b	3	1	1	0	0	2	.265
Alberto ph-3b	2	0	1	2	0	0	.220
Vaughn 1b	4	0	2	0	1	0	.255
Grandal c	3	0	2	0	1	1	.266
Sheets rf	3	0	0	1	0	1	.244
González 2b-ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.211
TOTALS	38	5	12	5	3	9	—

L.A.	204	200	202	— 12	13	0
CHICAGO	010	000	103	— 5	12	0

LOB: Los Angeles 5, Chicago 10. **2B:** Walsh 2 (2), Moniak (4), Urshela (8), Ti.Anderson (7), Vaughn (17), Jiménez (6), Alberto (5). **HR:** Trout (13), off Lynn; Ohtani 2 (15), off Lynn; Ward (6), off Scholtens; Wallach (4), off Crochet; Burger (11), off Davidson.

ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Barría	5	4	1	1	3	6	1.59
Webb	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.00
Davidson	3	7	4	4	0	2	7.04

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lynn	4	8	8	8	2	4	6.55
Scholtens	4	2	2	2	2	1	3.24
Crochet	1	3	2	2	0	1	5.68

WP: Barría (2-2); **LP:** Lynn (4-6); **S:** Davidson (2). **HBP:** Lynn 2 (Trout, Ward). **T:** 2:47. **A:** 17,015 (40,241).

Rays 4, Cubs 3

Brandon Lowe and Jose Siri each hit a two-run homer late in the game and Jalen Beeks got the final two outs after coming in with the bases loaded as Tampa Bay avoided its first sweep of the season.

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Díaz 1b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.310
Arozarena lf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.297
Ramírez dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.288
J.Lowe ph-dh	1	0	1	0	0	0	.304
Paredes 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.269
Margot rf	2	1	1	0	2	0	.248
B.Lowe 2b	4	1	1	2	0	2	.204
Bethancourt c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Walls ss	2	1	0	0	2	0	.244
Siri cf	3	1	1	2	1	1	.245
TOTALS	31	4	5	4	6	8	—

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Hoerner dh	3	1	1	0	1	1	.285
Swanson ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.265
Happ lf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.278
Suzuki rf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.293
Tauchman cf	2	0	1	1	1	0	.355
Mervis 1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.188
Mancini ph-1b	1	0	1	1	0	0	.253
Wisdom 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.213
Mastrobuoni 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.149
Barnhart c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.164
Morel ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.282
Gomes c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.270
TOTALS	31	3	6	3	3	9	—

TAMPA BAY	000	000	220	— 4	5	2
CHICAGO	200	000	100	— 3	6	0

E: Paredes 2 (5). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 6, Chicago 6. **2B:** Suzuki (9). **HR:** B.Lowe (9), off Leiter Jr.; Siri (10), off Leiter Jr.

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Eflin	6	4	3	3	1	5	3.30
Poche	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.29
Adam	1	1	0	0	1	3	3.09
Kelly	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	4.15
Beeks	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	4.45

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Steele	3	0	0	0	0	1	2.65
Wesneski	3⅔	1	1	1	2	4	4.81
Leiter Jr.	⅓	2	3	3	1	1	2.78
Alzolay	1	2	0	0	0	0	2.33
Merryweather	⅔	0	0	0	3	1	4.43
Fulmer	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	7.36

WP: Poche (4-1); **LP:** Leiter Jr. (1-1); **S:** Beeks (1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Poche 1-1, Beeks 3-0, Leiter Jr. 1-1, Fulmer 3-0. **HBP:** Kelly (Ríos). **T:** 2:53. **A:** 29,360 (41,363).

Braves 4, Athletics 2

Ozzie Albies hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in a three-run fifth inning as Atlanta beat Oakland to deny the Athletics' bid for their first three-game winning streak.

Coming off just their second pair of consecutive wins, the A's fell to 12-46.

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Acuña Jr. rf	5	0	2	1	0	0	.324
Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.233
Riley 3b	3	0	0	1	0	0	.263
d'Arnaud c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.297
Ozuna dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.213
Rosario lf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.239
Pillar ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.259
Albies 2b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.251
Arcia ss	3	2	3	0	1	0	.314
Harris II cf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.174
TOTALS	34	4	7	4	3	8	—

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ruiz cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.269
Rooker lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.260
Noda 1b	2	1	0	0	2	1	.231
Laureano rf	3	0	1	1	1	0	.214
Pérez c	3	0	0	1	0	0	.268
Bleday ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Díaz dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.190
Brown ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.180
Bride 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Peterson 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.192
Allen ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.209
TOTALS	29	2	3	2	4	3	—

ATLANTA	000	030	100	— 4	7	1
OAKLAND	000	002	000	— 2	3	0

E: Arcia (2). **LOB:** Atlanta 7, Oakland 4. **2B:** Acuña Jr. (16), Rooker (9). **HR:** Albies (11), off Kaprielian.

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Shuster	5⅓	3	2	2	4	1	4.99
Chavez	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	1.88
Minter	1	0	0	0	0	1	6.66
Anderson	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.47
Iglesias	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.72

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kaprielian	4⅔	5	3	3	1	4	8.12
Lovelady	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.16
Waldichuk	1	2	1	1	1	1	7.46
Long	2	0	0	0	1	2	3.32

WP: Shuster (2-2); **LP:** Kaprielian (0-6); **S:** Iglesias (5). **Inherited runners-scored:** Chavez 2-1, Lovelady 3-0. **IBB:** off Kaprielian (Olson). **HBP:** Kaprielian (Riley). **T:** 2:19. **A:** 6,429 (46,847).

Pirates 9, Giants 4

Bryan Reynolds drove in three runs and made a leaping catch against the wall, helping Pittsburgh beat San Francisco to climb back above .500.

Former Giants Andrew McCutchen and Connor Joe each went 3 for 4 with an RBI for the Pirates.

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McCutchen dh	4	2	3	1	1	0	.273
Reynolds lf	5	1	1	3	0	1	.282
Joe 1b	4	2	3	1	0	0	.255
Castro 2b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.264
Hayes 3b	5	0	2	2	0	1	.221
Suwinski rf	4	0	1	1	1	3	.240
Owings ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.160
Marcano ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	.269
Bae cf	3	3	2	0	1	1	.275
Hedges c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.159
TOTALS	36	9	14	9	3	12	—

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Wade Jr. 1b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.271
Davis 3b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.282
Yastrzemski cf	3	1	1	0	0	2	.262
Slater ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.370
Flores dh	4	0	1	1	0	2	.233
Sabol lf	4	2	2	0	0	1	.262
Haniger rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.239
Bailey c	4	0	2	1	0	2	.333
Schmitt ss	3	0	1	1	0	1	.325
Wisely 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.179
TOTALS	35	4	12	3	1	11	—

PITTSBURGH	004	202	001	— 9	14	1
SAN FRAN.	011	011	000	— 4	12	2

E: Hedges (3), Sabol (6), Wisely (4). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 7, San Francisco 6. **2B:** Castro (6), McCutchen (7), Bae (8), Joe (12), Wade Jr. (6). **3B:** Hayes (4), Yastrzemski (1).

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Keller	6	10	4	4	1	8	3.25
Zastryzny	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	5.59
Moreta	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	1.80
Stephenson	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.14
Ramirez	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.42

GIANTS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wood	4⅓	8	6	6	3	4	4.80
Walker	1⅔	3	2	1	0	1	1.35
Jackson	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Ty.Rogers	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.93
Doval	1	2	1	1	0	3	2.19

WP: Keller (7-1); **LP:** Wood (1-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Moreta 1-0, Walker 2-0. **HBP:** Wood 2 (Joe, Castro). **WP:** Keller (2), Doval. **T:** 2:32. **A:** 23,827 (41,915).

Marlins 2, Padres 1

Jean Segura and Nick Fortes singled in runs against Josh Hader in the ninth inning, and Miami overcame former Yankees all-star catcher Gary Sánchez's first home run for San Diego.

Hader, who allowed multiple runs for the first time in 23 outings this season, blew a save for the third time in 16 chances.

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kim 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.241
Tatis Jr. rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.240
Soto lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.263
Bogaerts ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.257
Dixon 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.212
Cronenworth 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.205
Cruz dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.238
G.Sánchez c	3	1	1	1	0	1	.286
Grisham cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.193
TOTALS	28	1	2	1	1	13	—

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
De La Cruz lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.296
Soler dh	2	0	0	0	2	2	.248
Arraez 2b	3	0	2	0	1	0	.381
Gurriel 1b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.282
Berti ss	2	0	0	0	0	1	.272
Wendle ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	.170
Segura 3b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.205
Fortes c	4	0	1	1	0	0	.243
Hampson rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.238
J.Sánchez ph-rf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.310
Davis cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.333
TOTALS	27	2	6	2	5	8	—

SAN DIEGO	001	000	000	— 1	2	1
MIAMI	000	000	002	— 2	6	1

One out when winning run scored.
E: Martinez (2), Segura (6). **LOB:** San Diego 1, Miami 7. **HR:** G.Sánchez (1), off Garrett.

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Snell	6	3	0	0	3	7	4.50
Wilson	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.73
Martinez	1	1	0	0	1	0	2.70
Hader	⅓	2	2	2	1	0	1.61

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Garrett	5⅓	2	1	1	1	7	4.22
Brazoban	2⅔	0	0	0	0	3	3.60
Okert	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.08

WP: Okert (2-0); **LP:** Hader (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Brazoban 1-0. **WP:** Snell. **T:** 2:24. **A:** 11,773 (37,446).

Mets 4, Phillies 1

Mark Canha homered and had four RBI, Carlos Carrasco threw six efficient innings, and New York dealt Philadelphia its third straight loss.

Edmundo Sosa went deep for the Phillies, who matched a season low at five games under .500. The defending National League champions went 5-14 against the Mets last season and are 0-2 against their rivals this year.

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Stott 2b	5	0	2	0	0	1	.290
Turner ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Harper dh	4	0	2	0	0	2	.315
Castellanos rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.290
Schwarber lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.163
Realmuto c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.257
Marsh cf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.274
Clemens 1b	3	0	2	0	0	0	.268
Sosa 3b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.261
TOTALS	35	1	9	1	1	10	—

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.294
Lindor ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.223
McNeil 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.288
Alonso 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.238
Baty 3b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.239
S.Marte rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.246
Vogelbach dh	1	1	0	0	2	0	.219
Canha lf	3	1	2	4	0	1	.242
Nido c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.130
TOTALS	29	4	5	4	3	6	—

PHILA.	001	000	000	— 1	9	0
NEW YORK	002	200	00X	— 4	5	0

LOB: Philadelphia 9, New York 4. **2B:** Marsh (9). **HR:** Sosa (4), off Carrasco; Canha (4), off Nola.

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Nola	6	4	4	4	3	5	4.70
Domínguez	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.86
Vasquez	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.42

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Carrasco	6	6	1	1	1	4	5.74
Raley	1⅓	2	0	0	0	3	2.95
Ottavino	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	4.22
Robertson	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.48

WP: Carrasco (2-2); **LP:** Nola (4-4); **S:** Robertson (10). **HBP:** Robertson (Clemens). **T:** 2:29. **A:** 39,641 (42,136).

Brewers 4, Blue Jays 2

Abraham Toro hit a two-run home run, Owen Miller had two hits and drove in a pair of runs, and Milwaukee beat Toronto.

Toro connected off Blue Jays right-hander Alex Manoah in the second for his first hit with the Brewers, who are 24-10 this season when they hit at least one home run.

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Yelich lf	4	1	1	0	1	1	.251
Miller 2b	5	0	2	2	0	0	.331
Tellez 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Contreras dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.247
Anderson rf-3b	2	1	0	0	2	1	.239
Toro 3b	4	1	2	2	0	2	.500
Taylor rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Turang ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.209
Caratini c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.215
Wiemer cf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.195
TOTALS	34	4	7	4	4	7	—

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Bichette ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.329
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Varsho lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.213
Chapman 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.288
Merrifield 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.289
Kirk c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.254
Biggio rf	3	0	1	1	0	0	.185
Kiermaier cf	3	0	1	1	0	0	.319
TOTALS	34	2	7	2	0	0	—

MILWAUKEE	020	000	200	— 4	7	1
TORONTO	000	010	100	— 2	7	0

E: Toro (1). **LOB:** Milwaukee 7, Toronto 5. **2B:** Wiemer (8), Miller (10), Chapman 2 (21), Biggio (2), Varsho (9). **3B:** Kiermaier (4). **HR:** Toro (1), off Manoah.

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Teheran	6	4	1	0	0	0	0.82
Payamps	1	2	1	1	0	0	2.39
Strzelecki	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.01
Williams	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.51

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Manoah	4	3	2	2	3	2	5.46
Richards	2	1	0	0	0	3	3.38
Mayza	⅔	3	2	2	0	0	1.83
Cimber	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	4.20
Bass	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.26

WP: Teheran (1-1); **LP:** Manoah (1-6); **S:** Williams (9). **Inherited runners-scored:** Cimber 1-0. **T:** 2:44. **A:** 42,205 (49,282).

Reds 5, Red Sox 4

Spencer Steer hit a two-run homer to break a seventh-inning tie as Cincinnati took advantage of Rafael Devers's throwing error to come from behind and beat Boston.

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Newman 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.276
McLain ss	5	0	2	0	0	1	.361
India 2b	4	1	0	0	1	2	.282
Steer 1b	3	1	1	2	1	1	.289
Stephenson dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.246
Fairchild rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.246
Fraley ph-rf-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Senzel lf-cf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.270
Barrero cf	2	1	0	0	1	1	.231
Casali c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.154
Maile c	3	0	1	1	0	1	.259
Benson pr-rf	1	1	0	0	0	0	.152
TOTALS	35	5	8	4	3	13	—

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Verdugo rf	5	0	2	0	0	0	.294
Devers 3b	4	0	1	1	1	1	.246
Turner 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.263
Yoshida dh	4	2	2	1	0	0	.317
Refsnyder lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.284
Duran cf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.292
Hernández ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Tapia ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.274
Reyes ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Valdez 2b	3	1	1	1	0	1	.250
Wong c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.243
TOTALS	36	4	10	4	1	7	—

CINCINNATI	000	011	300	— 5	8	1
BOSTON	011	010	010	— 4	10	1

E: Casali (1), Devers (5). **LOB:** Cincinnati 7, Boston 7. **2B:** Senzel (8), Maile (3), Devers (13), Refsnyder (5), Yoshida (12), Duran (15). **HR:** Steer (8), off Winckowski; Yoshida (7), off Weaver; Valdez (4), off Weaver.

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Weaver	5⅔	7	3	3	0	5	5.36
Gibaut	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.55
Young	⅓	1	0	0	1	0	2.86
Sims	1	2	1	1	0	1	4.15
Farmer	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.60

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Paxton	5	4	1	1	1	8	4.26
Crawford	⅔	1	1	1	2	0	3.52
Winckowski	1⅓	3	3	0	0	2	2.14
Martin	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.23
Pivetta	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.66

WP: Gibaut (5-1); **LP:** Winckowski (2-1); **S:** Farmer (1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Gibaut 1-0, Young 1-0, Winckowski 2-0. **HBP:** Pivetta (Newman). **T:** 3:02. **A:** 32,593 (37,755).

Twins 8, Astros 2

Rookie Louie Varland threw seven scoreless innings and Donovan Solano drove in a season-high four runs in Minnesota's victory over Houston.

It was the longest outing in the career of the 25-year-old Varland, who allowed four hits and struck out five.

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Julien 2b	5	0	0	0	1	3	.210
Correa ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Solano 1b	4	0	2	4	1	1	.275
Kirilloff lf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.314
Farmer ss-2b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.265
Gallo dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.194
Jeffers c	4	0	2	2	0	2	.267
Kepler rf	5	1	1	0	0	0	.195
Castro 3b	4	3	2	0	1	2	.274
Taylor cf	3	2	1	1	2	1	.214
TOTALS	38	8	11	8	5	14	—

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Dubón 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.290
Peña ss	3	0	2	0	0	0	.251
Alvarez dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.278
Bregman 3b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.245
Tucker rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Julks lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.268
J.Abreu 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.211
McCormick lf-rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.209
Meyers cf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.248
Maldonado c	2	0	0	0	0	2	.203
Diaz c	2	1	1	1	0	0	.226
TOTALS	32	2	6	2	2	9	—

MINNESOTA	003	022	100	— 8	11	0
HOUSTON	000	000	020	— 2	6	0

LOB: Minnesota 11, Houston 7. **2B:** Jeffers (4), Solano (9), Taylor (5). **HR:** Meyers (5), off J.López; Diaz (2), off J.López.

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Varland	7	4	0	0	1	5	3.51
J.López	0	2	2	2	1	0	4.30
Stewart	1	0	0	0	0	3	1.12
De León	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.12

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brown	4⅔	6	5	5	2	8	3.61
Mushinski	1⅓	3	2	2	1	2	5.40
Martinez	2	2	1	1	2	3	4.15
Stanek	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.26

WP: Varland (3-1); **LP:** Brown (5-2). J.López pitched to 4 batters in the 8th **Inherited runners-scored:** Stewart 2-0, Mushinski 2-2. **HBP:** Mushinski 2 (Gallo, Kirilloff), Martinez (Jeffers), J.López (Peña), De León (J.Abreu). **T:** 2:50. **A:** 37,127 (41,000).

Dodgers 9, Nationals 3

Late Tuesday

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Thomas cf	4	1	2	0	1	0	.290
García 2b	5	0	1	1	0	1	.266
Candelario 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.259
Meneses rf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.294
D.Smith 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.276
Dickerson dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.294
Ruiz c	3	1	1	1	1	0	.225
Abrams ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.237
I.Vargas lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.311
TOTALS	33	3	6	3	3	4	—

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Betts 2b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.249
Freeman 1b	5	2	4	1	0	0	.344
Muncy 3b	5	2	2	1	0	0	.214
Martinez dh	3	1	1	3	0	2	.277
Heyward rf	2	1	2	2	2	0	.230
Peralta lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.228
Outman cf	3	1	0	0	0	1	.234
Rojas ss	4	1	0	0	0	0	.206
Barnes c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.096
TOTALS	35	9	13	7	2	3	—

WASH	001	000	200	— 3	6	2
L.A.	013	000	23X	— 9	13	0

E: Abrams (10), M.Thompson (1). **LOB:** Washington 8, Los Angeles 6. **2B:** Thomas (11), Muncy (4). **HR:** Ruiz (5), off Vesia; Heyward (6), off Irvin; Martinez (12), off Machado; Freeman (10), off M.Thompson. **RBI:** Meneses (29), Ruiz (20), García (21), Heyward 2 (13), Muncy (39), Martinez 3 (39), Freeman (35). **SB:** Heyward (2). **SF:** Martinez.

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Irvin	5	8	4	4	1	3	94	5.67
Machado	2	3	2	2	1	0	23	6.75
M.Thompson	1	2	3	1	0	0	13	4.13

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gonsolin	6	3	1	1	2	2	70	1.77
Vesia	⅔	3	2	2	1	1	19	9.00
Phillips	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	14	1.66
Bruihl	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	4.41

WP: Gonsolin (3-1); **LP:** Irvin (1-3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Phillips 2-0. **HBP:** Gonsolin (Candelario), M.Thompson (Outman), Bruihl (Abrams). **WP:** M.Thompson, Bruihl. **T:** 2:19. **A:** 46,571 (56,000).

NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Tigers: Placed OF Riley Greene on the 10-day injured list with a stress fracture in his left leg. Transferred RHP Trey Wingenter (biceps) from the 15-day injured list to the 60-day injured list.

Yankees: Manager Aaron Boone said "it's definitely in play" that the trio of Josh Donaldson (hamstring), Giancarlo Stanton (hamstring) and Tommy Kahnle (biceps) could return to New York's active roster this weekend against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Phillies: 3B Alec Bohm was out of the starting lineup for the second time in three games because of left hamstring tightness. Bohm had an MRI exam Wednesday, and the team is awaiting results.

Rangers: RHP Jacob deGrom (elbow) threw before heading to Florida to be with his wife for the birth of their child.

Cubs: LHP Justin Steele retired all nine batters before exiting with left forearm tightness.

Guardians: RHP Triston McKenzie (shoulder) threw 85 pitches for Class AAA Columbus in what might be his final rehab outing while on the 60-day injured list.

Rockies: Reinstated RHP Dinelson Lamet (back) from the 15-day injured list.

Mariners: Recalled RHP Matt Festa from Class AAA Tacoma.

TODAY

NL games

PHILLIES AT METS, 1:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Walker (R)	4-2	5.57	7-4
Scherzer (R)	4-2	3.54	6-2
PADRES AT MARLINS, 1:10			
Musgrove (R)	2-2	5.64	3-3
Luzardo (L)	4-3	3.67	8-3
ROCKIES AT DIAMONDBACKS, 3:40			
Anderson (R)	0-0	1.31	2-1
Davies (R)	0-1	5.68	2-1

NL scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at L.A. Dodgers 9, Washington 3
at N.Y. Mets 2, Philadelphia 0
San Diego 9, at Miami 4
at Arizona 5, Colorado 1
Pittsburgh 2, at San Francisco 1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 10, at L.A. Dodgers 6
Pittsburgh 9, at San Francisco 4
at Miami 2, San Diego 1
at N.Y. Mets 4, Philadelphia 1
Colorado at Arizona, late

AL games

GUARDIANS AT TWINS, 7:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Bibee (R)	1-1	2.88	2-4
López (R)	3-3	4.11	6-5
ANGELS AT ASTROS, 8:10			
Detmers (L)	0-4	4.93	3-6
Valdez (L)	5-4	2.38	6-5

AL scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Baltimore 8, Cleveland 5
Texas 10, at Detroit 6
at Houston 5, Minnesota 1
at Chicago White Sox 7, L.A. Angels 3
N.Y. Yankees 10, at Seattle 2

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Cleveland 12, at Baltimore 8
at Detroit 3, Texas 2
L.A. Angels 12, at Chicago White Sox 5
Minnesota 8, at Houston 2
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, late

Interleague games

BREWERS AT BLUE JAYS, 1:07	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Peralta (R)	5-4	4.64	5-5
Gausman (R)	3-3	3.03	5-6
REDS AT RED SOX, 7:10			
Greene (R)	1-4	4.18	3-8
Sale (L)	5-2	4.72	7-3

Interleague scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Chicago Cubs 2, Tampa Bay 1
at Oakland 2, Atlanta 1
at Toronto 7, Milwaukee 2
Cincinnati 9, at Boston 8
at St. Louis 2, Kansas City 1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Tampa Bay 4, at Chicago Cubs 3
Atlanta 4, at Oakland 3
Milwaukee 4, at Toronto 2
Cincinnati 5, at Boston 4

Hassell and Wood, together in the minors, share an outfield and a future

BY ANDREW GOLDEN

It was only fitting that Robert Hassell III and James Wood walked together from the visitors' clubhouse onto the field Tuesday night in Bowie. The Class AA Harrisburg Senators outfielders were drafted by the San Diego Padres a year apart. They were sent to Washington in the same blockbuster trade for Juan Soto a year ago. And now here they were — two potentially pivotal pieces of the Nationals' future — preparing to take the same field for the first time in an official game.

They strode down the left field line at Prince George's Stadium, bat and helmet in hand, toward a few fans offering pens and baseballs behind the visitors' bullpen. A few minutes later, Wood was near the on-deck circle as Hassell took practice swings before walking to the batter's box to begin the game. And after the top of the first inning, Wood galloped out to right field as Hassell jogged behind him toward center.

Even their answers about playing together were similar.

"I played with him a little bit during spring and during [instructional league], but I'm just really excited," Wood said of Hassell. "He's a really, really, really good player, great hitter, defender. It's going to be fun being in the lineup."

"It's really exciting," Hassell said of Wood. "He's the man. He's going to perform. And I think of myself as the same way. Anything I can bring to the team and help the team — and he thinks the same way. And with us two and the rest of the guys we got performing behind us, it's going to be fun."

Wood, 20, and Hassell, 21, are young for this level. Only four players on Harrisburg's roster were born in 2000 or later. Hassell, born in 2001, and Wood, born in 2002, are the youngest members of the team.

But they hit in the first two spots of Harrisburg's order Tuesday against the Bowie Baysox. Each went 0 for 4 in a 3-2 loss. How quickly Hassell and Wood — two of the five prospects acquired from the Padres in August — develop will factor into how they fit into the evolving puzzle that is the Nationals' next championship roster. But both believe the shared experience of the trade and their youth will help them support each other.

"He's pretty young compared to a lot of guys in the league, [just] like me," Wood said. "So I



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Senators outfielders James Wood, left, and Robert Hassell III were acquired by the Nationals from San Diego in the Juan Soto deal.

feel like we could learn a lot from each other."

Wood was playing for high Class A Wilmington just a few days ago; a strong week — 9 for 19 with three home runs over five games — earned him a promotion to Harrisburg. In 42 games with the Blue Rocks, he hit .293 with a .392 on-base percentage and a .580 slugging percentage.

Hassell missed the start of the season while rehabbing a wrist injury. He has hit .267 since he joined Harrisburg on May 3.

Wood was called into the Wilmington manager's office Saturday and told he would be heading to Harrisburg. The next morning, Hassell woke up to reports that it could be happening. He texted Wood, who confirmed it was true, and Hassell said he was "hyped."

On Tuesday, ahead of just his second game in Class AA, Wood sat in the dugout with a grin on his face. He stared at the ground, seemingly searching for words to describe his emotions.

"I don't even know," he ultimately offered. "It's kind of a lot to sort of process at once. . . . But it was definitely a great feeling."

Where they might fit in the outfield at the major league level remains to be seen. Both have played center field extensively. And then there's 19-year-old Elijah Green, the No. 5 pick in the 2022 draft currently at Class A Fredericksburg, whom many also see as a center fielder.

"I've kind of played all over," Wood said. "But I think being able to play all three [outfield spots] is a great asset as long as I can stay in the lineup. I'm not really too concerned about which position in the outfield I'm at."

Nationals Manager Dave Martinez has said he wants to see Wood play all three positions, but his 6-foot-6 stature suggests Wood would be a better fit as a corner outfielder. Senators Manager Delino DeShields said Hassell and Wood would alternate in the field; Wood patrolled center for his Harrisburg debut Sunday as Hassell got the day off.

DeShields is still getting to know Wood, but from what he has seen over the past month, he likes what he has seen from Hassell.

"Even in the outfield, running after balls, it just looks easy," he said. "Everything that he does just looks easy and fluid . . . an easy flow to his game."

Hassell did make a mistake in the second inning Tuesday: He misjudged a line drive, breaking in on the ball before going back to make up ground. When he reached for the ball, it bounced off his glove, allowing a run to score from second. (The play was scored a double.) Over in right, Wood had a quiet night.

Hassell said he's most comfortable in center field but doesn't care where he plays — he believes he can make an impact anywhere. Wood feels the same way. They will have plenty of chances to prove it.

"I want to do anything I can to help this team out," Hassell said. "I think if you put me in right field, I think I could really help [prevent runners from taking an extra base] and cover a ton of ground. Having James in center or vice versa — whichever way works."

Nationals club a season-high five homers to take down Dodgers in series finale

NATIONALS FROM D1

(courtesy of Mookie Betts and Will Smith). Betts lifted his second off Finnegan to begin the eighth. But in the end, the Nationals (24-32) were on the right side of a full-on slugfest, using homers to paper over those mistakes and a rocky fifth inning for Corbin. And while that was certainly a sharp change of pace for Washington, it was foreshadowed by a number of loud and long outs in Tuesday night's loss.

"Home runs are going to come," Candelario said. "At the end of the day, we know if we put a good swing on the ball, it's going to fly. We've been hitting the ball really hard, you know? Sometimes the balls aren't carrying. Thank God they did today."

Syndergaard was the right pitcher for the Nationals to flip their luck. The right-hander entered with a 6.27 ERA in 47⅓ innings. When he exited after five, it had inched to 6.54. Yet throughout the afternoon, it felt as if the Nationals were walking a tightrope between an encouraging win — stuffed with bright spots for their young core — and a head-scratching loss. In the third, after Ruiz, Abrams and Candelario teamed to tie the score, they even seemed hellbent on letting the Dodgers (32-23) pull away again.

García booted a routine grounder to start the inning.



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Keibert Ruiz hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning after Luis García's three-run shot in the eighth.

Freddie Freeman, not known as a fast runner, then stole against Corbin and Ruiz. Then on Smith's single to right, Lane Thomas threw home instead of hitting the cutoff man, allowing Smith to take second. Somehow, though, Corbin escaped the mess having allowed only one run. He pushed to five innings and 88 pitches despite the early signs of disaster.

While Carl Edwards Jr., Finnegan and Hunter Harvey worked behind Corbin— Edwards escaping a self-made bases-loaded jam, Harvey recording the final six outs on 34 pitches — García and Ruiz took some very big hacks. Both are working on their pitch selection, with García making more progress through the first two months of the season. But in his past two games, facing the team that traded him to the Nationals in July 2021, Ruiz blasted three homers, doubling his season total.

"I've been hitting the ball hard, and I wasn't getting the results that I wanted," Ruiz said. "But I just got to keep doing what I'm doing, control what I can control, keep working hard in the gym, on my routine, and the results are going to be there."

Batting right-handed Tuesday, Ruiz ripped a high fastball inside the left field foul pole. Batting left-handed Wednesday, he knocked three hits and unlocked his power swing. He entered the game with a batting average on balls in play of .221, 76 points lower than the MLB average. Ruiz, like his team, had experienced at least a bit of bad luck. So the Nationals capped a 3-3 trip by taking fielders and bounces out of the equation.

The win was the first time this year they had homered more than twice in a game. They had not hit five in a game since June 3, 2022, when Lane Thomas went deep three times and Juan Soto and Nelson Cruz joined him. García started the road swing with a 6-for-6 night and ended it with a celebration in front of the Nationals' dugout. Ruiz soon joined him, screaming in the direction of his teammates before chopping his hips.

To have Ruiz, 24, García, 23, and Abrams, 22, homer in the same nine innings was a small mile marker in the Nationals' rebuild. And to do it against a tough contender made it that much better.

"Hopefully we figured something out here as a club," Manager Dave Martinez said. "And we come back and do it again Friday."

NATIONALS ON DECK

vs. Philadelphia Phillies		
Tomorrow	7:05	MASN
Saturday	4:05	MASN
Sunday	1:35	MASN
vs. Arizona Diamondbacks		
Tuesday	7:05	MASN2
Wednesday	7:05	MASN2
June 8	1:05	MASN2
at Atlanta Braves		
June 9	7:20	MASN
June 10	4:10	MASN
June 11	1:35	MASN

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM)

Alabama player sues New York Times over its story about deadly shooting

BY RICK MAESE

An Alabama men's basketball player sued the New York Times for defamation Wednesday, saying the newspaper falsely placed him at the scene of a deadly shooting in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Kai Spears, a freshman walk-on, said in the complaint and in a subsequent interview that he was at his dorm with friends Jan. 15 when 23-year-old Jamea Jonae Harris was fatally shot. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Alabama, includes a sworn affidavit from one of two friends who said he was with Spears that night.

"I was not anywhere near the scene or vicinity at the time that took place," Spears said in an interview. "I don't think it is a mistaken identity. I just think they didn't do their due diligence."

The shooting became a flash point for Alabama's promising season. One player, Darius Miles, was charged with capital murder. Miles, who was dismissed from the team, has pleaded not guilty.

Law enforcement officials say two other players, NBA prospect Brandon Miller and Jaden Bradley, were also present at the time of the shooting, but neither has been charged.

In March, ahead of Alabama's NCAA tournament opener, the Times reported Spears was in a vehicle with Miller during the shootout that resulted in Harris's death. The Times story said "a person familiar with the case" identified Spears and said it granted that person anonymity "to discuss sensitive matters in the case." The story was headlined, "A Fourth Alabama Player Was at a Deadly Shooting, in a Car Hit by Bullets."

In response to the lawsuit, Times spokeswoman Danielle Rhoades Ha said, "We plan to defend against the suit vigorously." The paper previously said it stands by its reporting, and the lawsuit says the Times didn't act on Spears's request for a retraction.

In an interview, Spears's father, Christian, the athletic director at Marshall University, said the Times's reporting was "false and inaccurate and no due diligence was done."

"This is the fourth pillar of our democracy. It's the media, the narrative — the ability to affirm information through the lens of reporting, quite honestly, is what makes our democracy special," he said. "And when you abuse it so wholeheartedly and you jeopardize the health and safety of an 18-year-old student — it's just unconscionable what the New York Times did. I am devastated by what we've had to endure."

The March 15 story prompted forceful denials from Alabama and the Spears family. Greg Byrne, the school's athletic director, issued a statement the next day calling the story untrue and saying the reporting displayed "an unfortunate disregard of the facts." Kai Spears said on social media that the Times's reporting was "100% inaccurate and the writer had complete disregard for the truth."

"I am trying to process and cope with these false statements that somehow have been published and then seen by so many," he wrote.

The lawsuit accuses the Times of defamation, libel and false-light invasion of privacy and says the Times has been repeatedly told it published false informa-



JAMAR COACH/KNOXVILLE (TENN.) NEWS SENTINEL/USA TODAY NETWORK

The New York Times reported that Alabama's Kai Spears, center, was at the scene when a woman was killed. He has disputed that.

tion and has refused to correct the record. A school official told The Washington Post this month that the university told the Times reporter, Billy Witz, that his work was "factually inaccurate" and reiterated that only two current players, Miller and Bradley, were at the scene.

In addition, Monica Watts, an associate vice president for communications at Alabama, told The Post that the Times published the story three hours after Witz "sent accusatory questions about a pending legal matter with no mention of a deadline to respond." Witz did not respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

The lawsuit provides for the first time Spears's explanation of his whereabouts on the night of the shooting. According to the complaint, Spears had two friends visiting that weekend from Clemson University. After Alabama defeated LSU on the night of Jan. 14, the trio went to a Waffle House before returning to Spears's dorm and then eventually going to the Strip, a bustling entertainment area near campus.

According to the complaint, the group met up briefly with Miller around 12:30 a.m. before going to Moe's Original BBQ. They had a FaceTime call with Bradley and discussed meeting up with Miller and Bradley but instead decided to return to Spears's dorm room. The group left the Strip around 1:40, the complaint states.

From the dorm parking lot, Spears called Miller and Bradley via FaceTime about eight minutes later "to see where they ended up going," according to the lawsuit, and Spears was told "shots were fired at the windshield of Mr. Miller's vehicle."

The three remained in the dorm room the rest of the night, the complaint states, and the following day, Spears went to the police, "as the Tuscaloosa police wanted to interview all the basketball players who were out that night."

"The police investigation conclusively established that Plaintiff Spears was not present at the time of the shooting," the lawsuit states.

Tuscaloosa Det. Branden Culpepper testified at a February hearing that Miles, Miller and Bradley were at the scene on the night of the shooting. A police spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday about Spears.

Despite the incident and the ensuing controversy, the Crimson Tide won the SEC tournament title and entered the NCAA tournament as the top overall seed. According to the lawsuit, Witz approached Spears before a shoot-around in Birmingham, Ala., on March 15 and said, "The night of the shooting, when you were in Brandon Miller's car, were you scared when the shots were fired?"

Spears declined to comment to the reporter, the lawsuit says.

"And then he asked me another question — 'I'm sure it was very hard for you to experience that. Do you have any thoughts on that night?' And I said, 'I'm sorry, I'm not comfortable speaking about that,' " Spears recalled in an interview. "And then he just left."

The story was published on the Times's website that evening, with denials from Byrne and Christian Spears added the following day.

Several other outlets across the country also made mention of the report. On March 17, a Times spokesperson told AL.com, "We're confident in our reporting and stand by it."

The lawsuit, filed by attorney Stephen New, seeks "in excess of $75,000," asking the court for compensatory and punitive damages. Spears said he intends to use part of any court award to help with future educational costs incurred by Harris's young son.

According to the complaint, Spears "has experienced severe emotional distress as his life has been disrupted by the untrue statements linking him to a criminal event." The complaint states that he has had trouble "focusing on his academic and sports endeavors, while enduring outrageous comments such as 'go kill yourself.' " He said he had to drop one of his spring classes in the aftermath of the Times's story but remains enrolled at Alabama and a member of the basketball team.

"Everything kind of blew up," Spears said. "I had multiple threats from Twitter and Instagram, people telling me to kill myself, people telling me I'm a murderer, we're a team full of murderers. And they're just kind of putting this false narrative out. . . . I mean, I did nothing wrong."

Ben Strauss contributed to this report.

With merger, Citi Open raises status

Women's event will be 500 level after combining with San Jose tournament

BY AVA WALLACE

Washington's Citi Open is merging with the San Jose-based Mubadala Silicon Valley Classic in a move that will elevate the women's tournament in D.C. from a WTA 250 to a 500-level event, tournament chairman Mark Ein and IMG announced Thursday.

The merger is subject to ATP Board approval. If accepted, its impact will be twofold: In raising a level, Washington's hard-court classic should attract a greater quantity of higher-ranked players to a women's event that will for the first time since its inception more than a decade ago be on par with the men's event in the tennis tours' three-tiered tournament ladder. WTA 500 tournaments award more prize money and rankings points than 250-level tournaments.

It also will shake up the WTA's travel pattern in transplanting a tournament that has been held in California's Bay Area since 1971 to Washington, where participating players will be in much closer proximity to other major WTA events held in August and September, including the U.S. Open.

The tournament, to be called the Mubadala Citi DC Open, will be the only combined ATP-WTA 500 tournament on the tour schedule. It will take place from July 29 to Aug. 6 at Rock Creek Park Tennis Center.

"The D.C. community loves tennis in general, and we've sold out every session for the last two years," Ein said in a phone interview. "So fans here have really embraced the tournament for a long time but particularly given all the upgrades and investment in fan experience we've made in recent years. A big part of that is our ability to showcase men and women at the same event, which is one of the things that makes tennis so unique."

A staple of the region's late-summer sports calendar for more than 50 years, the tournament first incorporated a women's event in 2012 when title sponsor Citigroup came aboard.

But the women's tournament has always existed one rung below the men's in terms of how the ATP and WTA tours designate their events, which created logistical issues. In recent years, organizers tried to schedule an equal or close to equal number of men's and women's matches on prime courts despite the unequal status of the events and quality of the playing fields.

For women's players, the choice when scheduling their first week in August was often between earning fewer ranking points and less money in Washington — a more logical stopover where they could acclimate to the East Coast's climate and time zone before traveling to the following Masters 1000 event in Canada that precedes the U.S. Open in New York — or flying across the country to earn more rankings points and play for a bigger purse in San Jose.

Yet despite its lower designation, those who played in Washington did so in front of passionate crowds who relished the opportunity to cheer on rising stars and tour veterans alike.

Past champions include current world No. 3 Jessica Pegula, who won her first career WTA title at the Citi Open in 2019; former U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens; and the doubles team of Coco Gauff and Caty McNally.

The tournament in Washington is gaining a sense of history in addition to elevated status — the Silicon Valley Classic was founded 52 years ago by Billie Jean King as the first event of the 1971 professional women's tour that became the WTA. It moved to the campus at San José State University from Stanford in 2018 and is owned and operated by IMG.

"We'd like to thank the Bay area for over 50 years of support, enthusiasm and passion. We've loved bringing the best in women's tennis to your doorstep year after year," Josh Ripple, senior vice president of tennis events at IMG, said in a statement. "While we're sad to go, we are also very excited about this new chapter in the event's history as the only 500-level combined event on the tours in the U.S. We hope that by bringing this event to D.C. we can start new traditions and bring that same passion for women's tennis we saw in San Jose to the capital."

The Citi Open was co-founded in 1969 by Donald Dell, John Harris and Arthur Ashe. It benefits the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation, which provides tennis education and educational support to youth in underserved areas of the city.

Full-tournament tickets are already on sale. Individual seats will be available closer to the start of the event.



SCOTT TAETSCH FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Russia's Liudmila Samsonova won the 2022 Citi Open. The merger should elevate the quality of the competitors in the women's draw.

In Paris, geopolitics overshadow the tennis

FRENCH OPEN FROM D1

people. . . . For me, it's just part of human life — politics, sports, you know, different things. It's like that."

Returning from childbirth ranked 192nd after reaching No. 3 in 2019, Svitolina has won twice this week, spoken calmly and spoken strongly. She said Wednesday she lives "different days differently" and feels "a mixture of different feelings, but they are bad feelings. You know, they are anger, they are sadness, just heaviness. It's like this heaviness that I have on a daily basis and all Ukrainians have. You cannot escape from this, and this is for the past one-and-a-half years we have that in our life." She said family and friends in Ukraine "are used to the alarms that are going on" and that "as soon as they hear something, they go to the bomb shelters. Sleepless nights. You know, it's a terrible thing, but they tell me that now it's a part of their life, which is very, very sad."

Already she had asked for a fresh paradigm of questions and answers — away from the posh topics such as etiquette. "So right now my focus," she said, "and I want to invite everyone to focus on helping Ukrainians. That's the main point of this, you know, to help kids, to help women who lost their husbands because they are at the war and they are fighting for Ukraine. We are missing the main point that people now at this time, they need help as never before. The kids, you know, they're losing their parents, they're losing parts of their body. You know, there are so many things we can do and help in different ways. You can donate a couple of dollars, and it save lives. Or donate your time to something to help people. You know, we are missing the main point of all of that and talking, talking, talking about nothing. Well, here, empty, completely empty words. Not helping."

In an interview with French newspaper Le Monde this week, No. 1 Iga Swiatek said: "There are indeed tensions among the players. Sometimes the atmosphere in the locker room is quite heavy. At the beginning of the conflict, there was a lack of leadership on the part of the tennis authorities. We were not brought together to explain how we were supposed to manage this complex situation and how to behave. Those who are in the worst position are the Ukrainian players, and it would be good if we paid more attention to what they feel and what they endure."

"I don't understand," Kostyuk said. "I see these players every single week in the locker room, and they don't have the [courage] to come up and talk to me for 15 months already. I'm not sure if they will or not. I will look. Okay."

If those endurances include the serial pain of seeing Russian and Belarusian players, this tournament has winced with that. Twelve of the 14 Russian women in the singles draw won their first-round matches, all-Russian bouts dot both the second and third rounds, and Svitolina herself will find a third round against 56th-ranked Anna Blinkova. All this comes ahead of Wimbledon, which in July will allow Russian and Belarusian players after refusing them last year.

"Every single tournament, same question, how we feel. We said already our position," said Dayana Yastremska, who lost in the first round as Ukraine's women went 2-4. "We don't feel really good. Like, how can we go on court and play against people who — like Russia, against the terroristic country? How? It's difficult emotionally. So better ask them how they feel playing against us. Do they feel good or no?"

Blinkova, set to play Svitolina, said: "Just a match for me. I will prepare for this match tactically. I will analyze the match that we just played last week [a Svitolina romp in the final in Strasbourg]."

Kostyuk recommended another fresh question: "Who would they want to win the war?"

Lesia Tsurenko, the No. 66 player who upended No. 13 Barbora Krejcikova, the 2021 French Open champion, saw the booing of Kostyuk as "people getting a bit wrong information." Sabalenka agreed. Tsurenko reeled at when Sabalenka, the No. 2 player who might become No. 1 here, spoke in March to receiving "hate" in the locker room: "Definitely some days if I have unhappy face, it's just because, you know, my city was probably bombed for I think 16 times in May only. . . . Yesterday part of the rocket landed 100 meters away from my home."

At a news conference later Wednesday, a Ukrainian reporter asked Sabalenka about her signature in 2020 on a letter supporting Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko "in times when he was torturing and beating protesters in the street" and said, "How is it possible that the potential world number one supports a dictator and —"

"I have no comments to you, so thank you for your question," Sabalenka said.

To a follow asking her to condemn the Belarusian involvement, she said, "I've got no comments to you."

To a second follow, the moderator said, "She's made it clear that she's not going to answer."

"Now we know everything," the reporter said. "It's all clear."

By contrast, Djokovic, the 22-time Grand Slam tournament champion ranked third these days after a record 387 weeks at No. 1 (with more weeks probable), commented without being asked. Regarding the violence Monday in northern Kosovo between NATO peacekeeping troops and Serbian protesters, Djokovic exited a first-round win with the traditional scribble on the camera lens, and wrote: "Kosovo is the [heart symbol] of Serbia! Stop violence."

That region of Kosovo matters deeply to Djokovic because his father, Srdjan, grew up in Zvecan — formerly in Serbia, nowadays in Kosovo since Kosovar independence in 2008 — in the midst of where Serbians living in Kosovo boycotted local elections, then protested when the Kosovar winners went to assume office. Violence on Monday left dozens of NATO troops and Serbian protesters injured.

"That topic is very sensitive," Djokovic said to Serbian reporters. "As a Serb, everything that's happening in Kosovo hurts me a lot. This is the least I could have done. I feel the responsibility as a public figure — doesn't matter in which field — to give support. . . . Especially as a son of a man born in Kosovo, I feel the need to give my support to them and to Serbia. I don't know what the future brings for Serbian people and for Kosovo, but it's necessary to show support and demonstrate unity in these kinds of situations."

He said: "I am not holding back. I would do it again." And: "My stance is clear: I am against wars, violence and any kind of conflict, as I've always stated publicly. I empathize with all people, but the situation with Kosovo is a precedent in international law. Kosovo is our hearthstone, our stronghold, our most important monasteries are there." Serbia has not recognized Kosovo's independence.

After Djokovic won his second-round match over Marton Fucsovics on Wednesday night, 7-6 (7-2), 6-0, 6-3, he said: "Of course I'm aware that a lot of people would disagree, but that's what it is. It's something that I stand for. So that's all."



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A mural of Novak Djokovic was damaged in Kosovo, where violence left troops and protesters injured.

FRENCH OPEN

Upstart American Stearns knocks off 2017 champion Ostapenko

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Like many a kid, Peyton Stearns enjoyed participating in sports and tried her hand at plenty.

"Soccer, gymnastics, basketball, tennis, whatever," the 21-year-old American said Wednesday at the French Open after eliminating 2017 champion Jelena Ostapenko, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2, to reach the third round at a Grand Slam tournament for the first time.

Then Stearns paused, before adding with a chuckle: "Well, not so much tennis."

By her own admission, she came to tennis relatively late for someone who would end up at its highest level, starting private lessons at 8. It wasn't until three or four years later, the 2022 NCAA champion for the University of Texas explained, that she decided to focus on holding a racket.

"Gymnastics was very structured. I didn't like that so much. I liked to do what I want when I wanted," said Stearns, who had never played in the French Open's main draw until this week and next faces No. 9 seed Daria Kasatkina, a 2022 semifinalist. "I chose tennis because I loved that you can just hit the living daylights out of the ball."

So that's what she does and did quite effectively against the 17th-seeded Ostapenko, outhitting a big hitter — Stearns compiled more winners, 30-29 — and leaving the field at Roland Garros with just one remaining woman who has won the title: No. 1 Iga Swiatek, the champion in 2020 and 2022, who plays her second-round match Thursday. Barbora Krejcikova, the 2021 winner, lost in the first round.

Stearns's victory over Ostapenko can be placed alongside a slew of other early upsets in Paris, where the sometimes-odd bounces of the red clay and the changing weather can contribute to unexpected outcomes.

No. 5 seed Caroline Garcia of France was defeated by Anna Blinkova, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, and 18 of 32 seeded women already were gone before the second round was finished.

In the men's bracket, No. 2 seed Daniil Medvedev bowed out Tuesday against a qualifier ranked 127th.

"I feel like at Roland Garros, it's tricky with the clay," said No. 3 Jessica Pegula, who advanced Wednesday when her opponent, Camila Giorgi, stopped playing because of knee pain after dropping the first set. "You can see — to me, it feels like — a lot more upsets."

Do not tell Stearns hers was a stunning result, even though she is ranked 69th in her first full season on tour and carried a 0-1 career Slam record into this week.

"I expected this out of myself. Maybe not this early in my career. . . . I'm ahead of what I projected myself doing," she said, "but by no means cutting myself short."

She had her own little cheering section at Court 14, a group that included her mother, Denise; Stearns's coach; her coach's girlfriend; and a friend, which helped.

So did Stearns's boundless self-belief, which she said allowed her to settle down amid some feelings she described as "crazy, nerve-racking, overwhelming — all the emotions into one."

Her tennis idol growing up was Maria Sharapova, who won five Grand Slam titles and reached No. 1 in the WTA rankings.

Sharapova was a powerful ball-striker who found her initial success on faster surfaces such as grass courts, winning Wimbledon at 17, and hard courts, her next major championships coming at the U.S. Open and Australian Open. But Sharapova eventually did collect two French Open titles later in her career.

That's not why Stearns came to be a fan, though.

"My mom and I loved watching her because of her outfits," Stearns said with a snicker. "My mom's a big shopper."

In men's play, a thrilling five-set victory took a toll on Gael Monfils, whose withdrawal Wednesday night handed No. 6 Holger Rune a walkover to the third round.

The 36-year-old Frenchman said he has a strained left wrist and can't continue. He battled Sebastian Baez for nearly four hours on Court Philippe Chatrier before beating the Argentine, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 1-6, 7-5, in a first-round match that ended at 12:18 a.m. local time Wednesday. The victory was Monfils' first at the tour level this year as the veteran comes back from heel surgery.

NFL NOTES

49ers are optimistic as Purdy progresses

ASSOCIATED PRESS

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Brock Purdy resumed his throwing program as he tries to return from surgery on his throwing elbow in time for the season opener.

Purdy began throwing on the side this week for the first time since he underwent the surgery March 10.

"He's had one [throwing] session thus far, and we're incredibly encouraged by that," 49ers General Manager John Lynch told SiriusXM NFL Radio on Wednesday. "He's hitting all his marks, and that doesn't surprise us, because he's putting in all the work.

"As for best-case scenario, we'll take it as it comes. The hope is he's ready for training camp. The hope is he's ready for the regular season."

San Francisco Coach Kyle Shanahan said last week that Purdy was on schedule in his rehabilitation and that he was optimistic that the quarterback could be healthy enough to start the opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sept. 10.

Lynch again called Purdy the "leader in the clubhouse" in the 49ers' quarterback competition after he had a strong finish to his rookie season.

Getting back on the field throwing is the first step.

"I saw him moving around throwing it a little bit," wide receiver Brandon Aiyuk said. "I haven't caught with him. Same old Brock. He's doing good. So we'll see when he gets out there. I'm not sure. But excited to see him."

Purdy went from the last pick of the draft to the third quarterback on the 49ers' depth chart to the starter in an impressive rookie season. The former Iowa State star threw for 1,374 yards with 13 touchdowns and only four interceptions in the regular season, and his 108 passer rating in the regular season and playoffs was the highest ever for a rookie with at least 200 passes.

Purdy tore the ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow on the first drive of San Francisco's 31-7 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC title game Jan. 29. That was also his first defeat as a starter.

With Purdy working his way back, Trey Lance and Sam Darnold are getting the bulk of the work at quarterback. Darnold got more work with the first-team offense Wednesday after Lance got the nod the first week. Shanahan plans to rotate them.

• **JETS:** Quarterback Aaron Rodgers could be back fully practicing with New York as soon as Friday after straining his right calf last week.

The 39-year-old, who was acquired from the Green Bay Packers in a blockbuster trade this offseason, was injured while participating in conditioning drills May 23. Rodgers downplayed the injury at the time, but he hasn't been a full participant in practice since.

"He's fine," Jets Coach Robert Saleh said. "He's just doing a bunch of rehab."

Saleh added the team hopes Rodgers will fully participate by next week at the latest.

Rodgers wore a sleeve on his calf throughout the practice and was limited. He began the session riding a stationary bike and threw some passes on the side — including a few tight-spiraled tosses of more than 40 yards — but was otherwise mainly a spectator.

• **PATRIOTS:** Coach Bill Belichick said New England has "moved on" after losing two days of workouts for violating NFL offseason workout rules.

The team announced last week that a scheduled workout that was supposed to be open for reporters to attend had been canceled. Another workout originally slated for this week also was canceled.

The violation reportedly was for holding a mandatory meeting that was required to be optional.

When asked what effect the lost workout time had on the team, Belichick replied: "Had a good long weekend."

• **BRONCOS:** Elliott Fry will get the first chance to serve as Brandon McManus's successor after Denver signed the third-year kicker who has appeared in three career regular season games.

The Broncos cleared $2.5 million in cap space last week by cutting McManus, the last holdover from the team that won Super Bowl 50. The 31-year-old signed with the Jacksonville Jaguars.



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Sam Howell started one game last season before he was thrust into the spotlight as the projected starting quarterback for 2023.

Howell growing into role as the Commanders' QB

COMMANDERS FROM D1

Jacoby Brissett, undrafted rookie Tim DeMorat and former practice squad player Jake Fromm — wear microphones during practice. And for a few workouts, as well as Wednesday's session, Howell has worn one.

"When they first said they were going to do it, I was kind of shocked because I've never heard of somebody doing it," Howell said. "But I think it's a great idea, and it's definitely been fun to hear their feedback."

A fifth-round pick in 2022, Howell started one game last season before he was thrust into the spotlight as the Commanders' projected starter for 2023. Rivera made it clear as early as January that Howell would get every chance to win the job, and in the months since, the coach has held true to that. The Commanders didn't draft a quarterback, and they signed a veteran, Brissett, who has a record of working as a backup and mentoring younger quarterbacks.

Though the offseason is still in its infancy and league rules prohibit contact during OTAs, Howell has given reason to warrant a first-string title.

"He's doing a great job commanding us out there on the field," wide receiver Curtis Samuel said. "He's throwing dots. . . . You just see him being vocal. Putting guys in the right spot when they're messing up, just getting us in the right mind-set for practice and just keeping the right tempo and momentum when we're out here."

It's quite the role change for Howell, 22. Last season, his on-field work was generally limited to third-string reps and the scout team. Like many rookies transitioning to pro offenses and playing under center more, Howell was tasked with improving his footwork and adapting to the faster pace.

He followed his improvement throughout the year with more work with his personal quarterbacks coach, Anthony Boone, a former all-ACC quarterback at Duke. In February, when the Commanders hired Bieniemy following the Chiefs' Super Bowl win, Howell dove in fully to learning the new playbook.

"Once I knew we had E.B., I was kind of watching Kansas City film and kind of seeing what they were doing," Howell said. "I feel like I was able to kind of match my full work up to what they're doing in Kansas City. I feel like I'm matching up pretty well out here."

Bieniemy is installing his version of the West Coast offense — a version that figures to look similar to the one he and Andy Reid ran in Kansas City.

Of course, mimicking Mahomes's play would be a tall task for any quarterback. Howell has focused not on the player but the details — details that carry over to his game and the Commanders' offense.

"I'm not going to try to be anybody else," Howell said. "Obviously, I watch the film, and I think Patrick does a heck of a job, and he excels on extending the play and making those off-platform throws, and I think I'm capable of making plays myself. So I don't try to go out there and be anybody else. I try to go out there and just be the best version of myself."

During one period Wednesday, Howell and the quarterbacks were forced to throw off-platform passes, navigating simulated screens and blitzes from assistant coaches. They ran similar drills last season, and Howell's training with Boone regularly incorporates such situations.

"Everyone knows in this game you're not going to be sitting back there in a clean pocket most of the time," Howell said. "You're going to be trying to avoid a guy and try to make a throw, so you're going to be off platform a lot."

Howell's play during team drills was mixed. He connected with tight end Cole Turner for a beautiful catch down the right sideline during seven-on-seven drills, but he also threw a pick; rookie safety Quan Martin deflected a pass, and linebacker Cody Barton dived for the interception. Rookie cornerback Emmanuel Forbes broke up two other passes, prompting a yell from Bieniemy: "Too many balls on the ground!"

The Commanders closed the workout with a two-minute drill. Howell led the offense into the red zone with one second remaining, but he overthrew Turner in the back corner of the end zone as defensive players erupted in cheers.

Bieniemy pulled Howell aside after the play.

"He asked me what I saw, and if there's one play he didn't agree with my decision, he tells me," Howell said. ". . . I tell him all the time to coach me hard. I want to be coached hard."

After speaking with Bieniemy, Howell walked off the field and spoke briefly with reporters before greeting fans with autographs and photos.

"Obviously, I really don't think I've deserved anything at this point, but I am super thankful to the fans; they've been awesome to me," he said. ". . . I think a lot of people probably wouldn't have expected this outcome, but I'm just going to try to do everything I can to just take this opportunity and just try to take advantage of it."

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PRO BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED KNICKS, 4-2
Game 1: Miami 108, at New York 101
Game 2: at New York 111, Miami 105
Game 3: at Miami 105, New York 86
Game 4: at Miami 109, New York 101
Game 5: at New York 112, Miami 103
Game 6: at Miami 96, New York 92

CELTICS ELIMINATED 76ERS, 4-3
Game 1: Philadelphia 119, at Boston 115
Game 2: at Boston 121, Philadelphia 87
Game 3: Boston 114, at Philadelphia 102
Game 4: at Philadelphia 116, Boston 115 (OT)
Game 5: Philadelphia 115, at Boston 103
Game 6: Boston 95, at Philadelphia 86
Game 7: at Boston 112, Philadelphia 88

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED SUNS, 4-2
Game 1: at Denver 125, Phoenix 107
Game 2: at Denver 97, Phoenix 87
Game 3: at Phoenix 121, Denver 114
Game 4: at Phoenix 129, Denver 124
Game 5: at Denver 118, Phoenix 102
Game 6: Denver 125, at Phoenix 100

LAKERS ELIMINATED WARRIORS, 4-2
Game 1: L.A. Lakers 117, at Golden State 112
Game 2: at Golden State 127, L.A. Lakers 100
Game 3: at L.A. Lakers 127, Golden State 97
Game 4: at L.A. Lakers 104, Golden State 101
Game 5: at Golden State 121, L.A. Lakers 106
Game 6: at L.A. Lakers 122, Golden State 101

CONFERENCE FINALS

Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED CELTICS, 4-3
Game 1: Miami 123, at Boston 116
Game 2: Miami 111, at Boston 105
Game 3: at Miami 128, Boston 102
Game 4: Boston 116, at Miami 99
Game 5: at Boston 110, Miami 97
Game 6: Boston 104, at Miami 103
Game 7: Miami 103, at Boston 84

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED LAKERS, 4-0
Game 1: at Denver 132, L.A. Lakers 126
Game 2: at Denver 108, L.A. Lakers 103
Game 3: Denver 119, at L.A. Lakers 108
Game 4: Denver 113, at L.A. Lakers 111

NBA FINALS

Best of seven; x-If necessary.

HEAT VS. NUGGETS
Thursday's game: Miami at Denver, 8:30, ABC
Sunday's game: Miami at Denver, 8, ABC
Wednesday's game: Denver at Miami, 8:30, ABC
Friday, June 9: Denver at Miami, 8:30, ABC
x-Monday, June 12: Miami at Denver, 8:30, ABC
x-Thursday, June 15: Denver at Miami, 8:30, ABC
x-Sunday, June 18: Miami at Denver, 8, ABC

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Connecticut	4	1	.800	—
New York	3	1	.750	½
Chicago	3	2	.600	1
Atlanta	2	2	.500	1½
Washington	2	2	.500	1½
Indiana	1	3	.250	2½

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	4	0	1.000	—
Dallas	3	1	.750	1
Phoenix	1	2	.333	2½
Los Angeles	1	2	.333	2½
Seattle	0	3	.000	3½
Minnesota	0	5	.000	4½

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Connecticut 81, Indiana 78
Atlanta 83, Chicago 65
Dallas 94, Minnesota 89
New York 86, Seattle 78

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

THURSDAY'S GAME
Connecticut at Minnesota, 8

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Dallas at Washington, 7
New York at Chicago, 6
Las Vegas at Atlanta, 7:30
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota at Washington, 7
Seattle at Los Angeles, 10

HOCKEY

Stanley Cup playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED MAPLE LEAFS, 4-1
Game 1: Florida 4, at Toronto 2
Game 2: Florida 3, at Toronto 2
Game 3: at Florida 3, Toronto 2 (OT)
Game 4: Toronto 2, at Florida 1
Game 5: Florida 3, at Toronto 2 (OT)

HURRICANES ELIMINATED DEVILS, 4-1
Game 1: at Carolina 5, New Jersey 1
Game 2: at Carolina 6, New Jersey 1
Game 3: at New Jersey 8, Carolina 4
Game 4: Carolina 6, at New Jersey 1
Game 5: at Carolina 3, New Jersey 2 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED OILERS, 4-2
Game 1: at Vegas 6, Edmonton 4
Game 2: Edmonton 5, at Vegas 1
Game 3: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 1
Game 4: at Edmonton 4, Vegas 1
Game 5: at Vegas 4, Edmonton 3
Game 6: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 2

STARS ELIMINATED KRAKEN, 4-3
Game 1: Seattle 5, at Dallas 4 (OT)
Game 2: at Dallas 4, Seattle 2
Game 3: at Seattle 7, Dallas 2
Game 4: Dallas 6, at Seattle 3
Game 5: at Dallas 5, Seattle 2
Game 6: at Seattle 6, Dallas 3
Game 7: at Dallas 2, Seattle 1

CONFERENCE FINALS

Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED HURRICANES, 4-0
Game 1: Florida 3, at Carolina 2 (4OT)
Game 2: Florida 2, at Carolina 1 (OT)
Game 3: at Florida 1, Carolina 0
Game 4: at Florida 4, Carolina 3

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED STARS, 4-2
Game 1: at Vegas 4, Dallas 3 (OT)
Game 2: at Vegas 3, Dallas 2 (OT)
Game 3: Vegas 4, at Dallas 0
Game 4: at Dallas 3, Vegas 2 (OT)
Game 5: Dallas 4, at Vegas 2
Game 6: Vegas 6, at Dallas 0

STANLEY CUP FINALS

Best of seven; x-If necessary.

PANTHERS VS. GOLDEN KNIGHTS
Saturday's game: Florida at Vegas, 8, TNT
Monday's game: Florida at Vegas, 8, TNT
Thursday, June 8: Vegas at Florida, 8, TNT
Saturday, June 10: Vegas at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Tuesday, June 13: Florida at Vegas, 8, TNT
x-Friday, June 16: Vegas at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Monday, June 19: Florida at Vegas, 8, TNT

HIGH SCHOOLS

BASEBALL

Virginia
Westfield 4, James Madison 3

SOFTBALL

Virginia
Colgan 2, John Champe 1
James Madison 6, McLean 0

BOYS' SOCCER

Virginia
Battlefield 1, Osbourn Park 0
Forest Park 3, Osbourn 2
Herndon 3, Langley 1

GIRLS' SOCCER

Virginia
Battlefield 2, Colonial Forge 0
Colgan 3, Freedom (South Riding) 0
Oakton 2, James Madison 0

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	11	1	3	36	25	15
Nashville	8	3	4	28	22	10
Philadelphia	8	4	3	27	24	15
New England	7	3	5	26	25	20
Atlanta	6	4	6	24	32	28
Columbus	6	6	3	21	29	22
Charlotte FC	6	7	3	21	20	26
D.C. United	5	6	5	20	22	20
Orlando City	5	4	5	20	17	17
CF Montréal	6	8	1	19	15	24
New York	4	5	7	19	11	13
Chicago	3	4	8	17	21	24
Toronto FC	3	5	8	17	15	19
New York City FC	4	7	4	16	17	22
Inter Miami CF	5	10	0	15	14	19

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Seattle	8	5	2	26	21	13
St. Louis City SC	8	4	1	25	29	14
Los Angeles FC	7	1	4	25	23	10
FC Dallas	6	4	5	23	18	16
x-San Jose	5	5	4	19	18	19
Minnesota United	5	6	4	19	14	17
Austin FC	5	6	4	19	16	21
x-Houston	5	5	3	18	13	12
x-Vancouver	4	5	5	17	19	17
Portland	4	7	4	16	19	24
Sporting KC	4	8	4	16	15	23
Real Salt Lake	4	7	4	16	16	26
LA Galaxy	3	9	3	12	13	26
Colorado	2	8	6	12	14	25

x-Late match

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
CF Montréal 2, D.C. United 2
New England 3, Atlanta 3
Columbus 3, Colorado 2
New York 1, Miami 0
Cincinnati 3, New York City FC 1
Philadelphia 1, Charlotte FC 0
Chicago 0, Toronto FC 0
Austin FC 2, Minnesota 1
Sporting KC 2, FC Dallas 1
LA Galaxy 3, Real Salt Lake 2
San Jose at Seattle, late
Houston at Vancouver, late
St. Louis City SC at Los Angeles FC, ppd.

CF Montréal 2, D.C. United 2

MONTRÉAL	0	2	2
D.C. UNITED	1	1	2

First Half: 1, D.C. United, Pines, 2 (Klich), 44th minute.
Second Half: 2, D.C. United, Ku-DiPietro, 3, 59th; 3, Montréal, Ibrahim, 1 (Lassiter), 80th; 4, Montréal, Lassiter, 1 (Ibrahim), 82nd.
Goalies: Montréal, Jonathan Sirois, Logan Ketterer; D.C. United, Tyler Miller, Alex Bono.
Yellow Cards: Duke, Montréal, 51st; O'Brien, D.C. United, 84th.
Montréal, Jonathan Sirois; Rudy Camacho (Gabriele Corbo, 63rd), George Campbell, Aaron Herrera (Zachary Brault Guillard, 60th), Joel Waterman; Mathieu Choiniere, Bryce Duke (Nathan-Dylan Saliba, 61st), Lassi Lappalainen (Sunusi Ibrahim, 61st), Victor Wanyama; Ariel Lassiter, Chinonso Offor (Jules-Anthony Vilsaint, 77th).
D.C. United, Tyler Miller; Andy Najar (Jacob Greene, 73rd), Victor Palsson, Donovan Pines, Pedro Santos, Derrick Williams; Chris Durkin, Mateusz Klich, Theodore Ku-DiPietro (Taxiarchis Fountas, 80th), Lewis O'Brien; Christian Benteke.

FC Cincinnati 3, New York City FC 1

CINCINNATI	1	2	3
NEW YORK CITY FC	0	1	1

First Half: 1, Cincinnati, Acosta, 6 (Badji), 38th minute.
Second Half: 2, Cincinnati, Barreal, 2, 58th; 3, New York City FC, Cufre, 1 (Morales), 64th; 4, Cincinnati, Vazquez, 4 (penalty kick), 70th.
Goalies: Cincinnati, Roman Celentano, Alec Kann; New York City FC, Matt Freese, Luis Barraza.
Yellow Cards: Cufre, New York City FC, 41st; Mosquera, Cincinnati, 43rd; Vazquez, Cincinnati, 45th+5; Acosta, Cincinnati, 50th; Chanot, New York City FC, 53rd; Sands, New York City FC, 56th; Gray, New York City FC, 57th; Pereira, New York City FC, 65th; Alfaro, New York City FC, 82nd; Morales, New York City FC, 88th; Gaddis, Cincinnati, 90th+1.
Cincinnati, Roman Celentano; Santiago Arias, Matt Miazga, Yerson Mosquera (Alvas Powell, 72nd), Ian Murphy; Luciano Acosta (Malik Pinto, 77th), Alvaro Barreal (Arquimides Ordonez, 87th), Junior Moreno; Dominique Badji (Raymon Gaddis, 87th), Yuya Kubo (Marco Angulo, 72nd), Brandon Vazquez.
New York City FC, Matt Freese; Tony Alfaro (Kevin O'Toole, 85th), Maxime Chanot, Brian Cufre, Tayvon Gray (Alfredo Morales, 60th), Stephen Turnbull; Keaton Parks, Santiago Rodriguez, James Sands; Gabriel Pereira, Gabe Segal (Richard Ledezma, 74th).

Crew 3, Rapids 2

COLORADO	1	1	2
COLUMBUS	1	2	3

First Half: 1, Colorado, Nicholson, 1, 9th minute; 2, Columbus, Zelarrayan, 7 (Yeboah), 37th.
Second Half: 3, Columbus, Zawadzki, 2 (Zelarrayan), 62nd; 4, Columbus, Hernandez, 2 (Zelarrayan), 72nd; 5, Colorado, Bassett, 2 (Harris), 90th+5.
Goalies: Colorado, Marko Ilic, William Yarbrough; Columbus, Patrick Schulte, Evan Bush.
Yellow Cards: Bombito, Colorado, 74th; Schulte, Columbus, 86th.
A: 20,223.
Colorado, Marko Ilic; Lalas Abubakar, Moise Bombito (Remi Cabral, 79th), Andreas Maxso, Keegan Rosenberry (Steven Beitashour, 84th), Daniel Wilson; Bryan Acosta, Jonathan Lewis (Calvin Harris, 59th), Danny Leyva (Marlon Vargas, 79th), Sam Nicholson, Connor Ronan (Cole Bassett, 60th); .
Columbus, Patrick Schulte; Malte Amundsen, Mohamed Ramzdine Farsi, Steven Moreira, Philip Quinton (Sean Zawadzki, 46th); Aidan Morris, Darlington Nagbe, Lucas Zelarrayan (Jacen Russell-Rowe, 73rd); Cucho Hernandez, Christian Ramirez, Yaw Yeboah (Jimmy Medranda, 61st).

Union 1, Charlotte FC 0

CHARLOTTE FC	0	0	0
PHILADELPHIA	0	1	1

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, Philadelphia, Kahlina, 70th minute.
Goalies: Charlotte FC, Kristijan Kahlina, Pablo Sisniega; Philadelphia, Andre Blake, Joseph Bendik.
Yellow Cards: Westwood, Charlotte FC, 12th; Lowe, Philadelphia, 59th.
Charlotte FC, Kristijan Kahlina; Harrison Afful (Joseph Mora, 72nd), Nathan Byrne, Adilson Malanda, Bill Tuiloma (Jan Sobocinski, 78th); Brandt Bronico (Brandon Cambridge, 78th), Derrick Jones, Justin Meram (Guzman Corujo Briccola, 60th), Ashley Westwood; Karol Swiderski, Kerwin Vargas (Patrick Agyemang, 60th).
Philadelphia, Andre Blake; Jack Elliott, Jakob Glesnes, Damion Onandi Lowe, Olivier Mbaizo, Kai Wagner; Leon Maximilian Flach, Jose Martinez; Julian Carranza (Jesus Bueno, 83rd), Daniel Gazdag (Nathan Harriel, 90th+6), Mikael Uhre (Chris Donovan, 77th).

Revolution 3, Atlanta United 3

NEW ENGLAND	2	1	3
ATLANTA	0	3	3

First Half: 1, New England, Gil, 4, 1st minute; 2, New England, Wood, 5 (Boateng), 37th.
Second Half: 3, Atlanta, Giakoumakis, 9 (Rossetto), 56th; 4, Atlanta, Almada, 7 (Rossetto), 74th; 5, Atlanta, Berry, 1, 87th; 6, New England, Gil, 5, 90th+3.
Goalies: New England, Djordje Petrovic, Earl Edwards Jr.; Atlanta, Brad Guzan, Quentin Westberg.
Yellow Cards: Gonzalez, New England, 22nd; Buck, New England, 52nd; Ibarra, Atlanta, 55th; Giakoumakis, Atlanta, 81st; Guzan, Atlanta, 83rd; Gutman, Atlanta, 90th+2.
A: 42,915.
New England, Djordje Petrovic; Andrew Farrell, Omar Gonzalez, DeJuan Jones, Dave Romney; Emmanuel Boateng (Christian Makoun, 73rd), Noel Buck, Carles Gil, Matt Polster (Giacomo Vrioni, 90th+1); Latif Blessing (Justin Rennicks, 46th), Bobby Wood (Jozy Altidore, 73rd).
Atlanta, Brad Guzan; Andrew Gutman, Brooks Lennon, Miles Robinson, Juan Sanchez; Thiago Almada, Derick Etienne (Tyler Wolff, 61st), Franco Ibarra, Matheus Rossetto (Machop Chol, 84th); Luiz Araujo (Santiago Sosa, 90th+3), Giorgos Giakoumakis (Miguel Berry, 84th).

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham FC	5	2	2	17	12	8
Portland	4	1	4	16	23	11
OL Reign	5	3	1	16	17	11
San Diego	5	3	1	16	16	11
Washington	4	1	4	16	12	8
North Carolina	4	3	2	14	10	10
Houston	3	3	3	12	7	9
Louisville	2	3	4	10	12	11
Orlando	3	5	1	10	7	13
Angel City	2	4	3	9	12	17
Chicago	2	6	1	7	12	22
Kansas City	2	7	0	6	9	18

SUNDAY'S RESULT
Gotham FC 1, Washington 1

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Louisville at Washington, 8
Portland at OL Reign, 8
Orlando at Houston, 8:30
North Carolina at Kansas City, 8:30

SUNDAY'S MATCH
San Diego at Gotham FC, 6

COLLEGE BASEBALL

NCAA regionals

Double elimination; x-If necessary.

AT DAVENPORT FIELD AT DISHAROON PARK; IN CHARLOTTESVILLE
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Virginia (45-12) vs. Army (38-16), noon
Game 2: East Carolina (45-17) vs. Oklahoma (31-26), 7, ESPN2
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT DAVID F. COUCH BALLPARK; IN WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Maryland (41-19) vs. Northeastern (44-14), 1
Game 2: Wake Forest (47-10) vs. George Mason (34-25), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT PLAINSMAN PARK; IN AUBURN, ALA.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Southern Mississippi (41-17) vs. Samford (36-23), 2
Game 2: Auburn (34-21-1) vs. Penn (32-14), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT ALEX BOX STADIUM; IN BATON ROUGE
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: LSU (43-15) vs. Tulane (19-40), 3, ESPNU
Game 2: Oregon State (39-18) vs. Sam Houston (38-23), 8
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT DOUG KINGSMORE STADIUM; IN CLEMSON, S.C.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Clemson (43-17) vs. Lipscomb (36-24), 1
Game 2: Tennessee (38-19) vs. Charlotte (34-26), 6, ESPNU
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT FOUNDERS PARK; IN COLUMBIA, S.C.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Campbell (44-13) vs. North Carolina State (35-19), 1, ACC Network
Game 2: South Carolina (39-19) vs. Central Connecticut State (36-12), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT SPRING BROOKS STADIUM; IN CONWAY, S.C.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Duke (35-21) vs. North Carolina Wilmington (34-21), 1
Game 2: Coastal Carolina (39-19) vs. Rider (35-19), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT ALEX RODRIGUEZ PARK AT MARK LIGHT FIELD; IN CORAL GABLES, FLA.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Texas (38-20) vs. Louisiana (40-22), 2
Game 2: Miami (40-19) vs. Maine (32-19), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT BAUM-WALKER STADIUM; IN FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Arkansas (41-16) vs. Santa Clara (35-18), 3
Game 2: TCU (37-22) vs. Arizona (33-24), 9, ESPNU
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT CONDRON FAMILY BALLPARK; IN GAINESVILLE, FLA.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Connecticut (43-15) vs. Texas Tech (39-21), noon, ESPNU
Game 2: Florida (44-14) vs. Florida A&M (29-28), 5:30
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT KENTUCKY PROUD PARK; IN LEXINGTON, KY.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Kentucky (36-18) vs. Ball State (36-21), noon, SEC Network
Game 2: West Virginia (39-18) vs. Indiana (41-18), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT HAWKINS FIELD; IN NASHVILLE
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Oregon (37-20) vs. Xavier (37-23), 1
Game 2: Vanderbilt (41-18) vs. Eastern Illinois. (38-19), 8, SEC Network
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT KLEIN FIELD AT SUNKEN DIAMOND; IN STANFORD, CALIF.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Stanford (38-16) vs. San José State (31-25), 5
Game 2: Texas A&M (36-25) vs. Cal State Fullerton (31-22), 10, ESPN2
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT O'BRATE STADIUM; IN STILLWATER, OKLA.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Dallas Baptist (45-14) vs. Washington (34-18), 1
Game 2: Oklahoma State (41-18) vs. Oral Roberts (46-11), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT BOB WARN FIELD; IN TERRE HAUTE, IND.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Indiana State (42-15) vs. Wright State (39-21), 1
Game 2: Iowa (42-14) vs. North Carolina (35-22), 7, ACC Network
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT SEWELL-THOMAS STADIUM; IN TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Boston College (35-18) vs. Troy (39-20), 3
Game 2: Alabama (40-19) vs. Nicholls (34-22), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Women's College World Series

Double elimination; x-If necessary.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Tennessee (46-8) vs. Alabama (43-20), noon
Game 2: Oklahoma (54-1) vs. Stanford (42-13), 2:30
Game 3: Florida State (52-8) vs. Oklahoma State (43-14), 7
Game 4: Washington (41-13) vs. Utah (39-14), 9:30

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 7
x-Game 6: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 9:30

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 7: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 3
Game 8: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 9: Game 5 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 3
Game 10: Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 loser, 7

MONDAY'S GAMES
Game 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, noon
x-Game 12: Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2:30
Game 13: Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7
x-Game 14: Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 9:30

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
JUNE 7-9
Best of three.

TENNIS

French Open

At Stade Roland Garros in Paris
Purse: €23,115,000
Surface: Red clay

MEN'S SINGLES — SECOND ROUND

Stefanos Tsitsipas (5), Greece, def. Roberto Carballes Baena, Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-2; Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Jason Kubler, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2; Sebastian Ofner, Austria, def. Sebastian Korda (24), United States, 6-3, 7-6 (7-1), 6-4; Lorenzo Sonego, Italy, def. Ugo Humbert, France, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (3); Diego Schwartzman, Argentina, def. Nuno Borges, Portugal, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-3; Thanasi Kokkinakis, Australia, def. Stan Wawrinka, Switzerland, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7 (7-4), 6-3; Denis Shapovalov (26), Canada, def. Matteo Arnaldi, Italy, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; Karen Khachanov (11), Russia, def. Radu Albot, Moldova, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; Carlos Alcaraz (1), Spain, def. Taro Daniel, Japan, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; Cameron Norrie (14), Britain, def. Lucas Pouille, France, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3; Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (29), Spain, def. Luca van Assche, France, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6); Juan Pablo Varillas, Peru, def. Roberto Bautista Agut (19), Spain, 1-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1; Andrey Rublev (7), Russia, def. Corentin Moutet, France, 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; Lorenzo Musetti (17), Italy, def. Alexander Shevchenko, Russia, 6-1, 6-1, 6-2; Hubert Hurkacz (13), Poland, def. Tallon Griekspoor, Netherlands, 6-3, 5-7, 6-7 (15-13), 7-6 (5), 6-4; Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia, def. Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, 7-6 (7-2), 6-0, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — SECOND ROUND

Jessica Pegula (3), United States, def. Camila Giorgi, Italy, 6-2, ret; Peyton Stearns, United States, def. Jelena Ostapenko (17), Latvia, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, def. Storm Hunter, Australia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; Elise Mertens (28), Belgium, def. Camila Osorio, Colombia, 6-3, 7-6 (3); Anastasia Potapova (24), Russia, def. Mayar Sherif, Egypt, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; Daria Kasatkina (9), Russia, def. Marketa Vondrousova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4; Karolina Muchova, Czech Republic, def. Nadia Podoroska, Argentina, 6-3, 0-6, 6-3; Anna Blinkova, Russia, def. Caroline Garcia (5), France, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, def. Zheng Qinwen (19), China, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, def. Liudmila Samsonova (15), Russia, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5; Aryna Sabalenka (2), Belarus, def. Iryna Shymanovich, Belarus, 7-5, 6-2; Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Varvara Gracheva, Russia, 6-2, 6-1; Irina-Camelia Begu (27), Romania, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-3, 6-0; Kamilla Rakhimova, Russia, def. Magdalena Frech, Poland, 6-3, 6-4; Clara Tauson, Denmark, def. Leylah Annie Fernandez, Canada, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; Elina Avanesyan, Russia, def. Leolia Jeanjean, France, 6-0, 7-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES — FIRST ROUND

Theo Arribage and Luca Sanchez, France, def. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard and Arthur Fils, France, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; Max Purcell, Australia, and Ben Shelton, United States, def. Julian Cash and Henry Patten, Britain, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Nicolas Jarry, Chile, and Marc-Andrea Huesler, Switzerland, def. Marcelo Demoliner, Brazil, and Andrea Vavassori, Italy, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-3; Marcelo Melo, Brazil, and John Peers, Australia, def. Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia, and William Blumberg, United States, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; Marcos Giron and Mackenzie McDonald, United States, def. Nicolas Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert, France, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (6); Jonathan Eysseric and Harold Mayot, France, def. John-Patrick Smith, Australia, and Christopher Eubanks, United States, 7-6 (1), 6-0; Ilya Ivashka, Belarus, and Alexei Popyrin, Australia, def. N. Sriram Balaji and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan, India, 6-3, 6-4; Aleksandr Nedovyesov, Kazakhstan, and Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela, Mexico, def. Nathaniel Lammons and Jackson Withrow (16), United States, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury (2), Britain, def. Guido Pella, Argentina, and Hugo Dellien, Bolivia, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4; Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni, India, def. Arthur Rinderknech and Enzo Couacaud, France, 6-3, 6-2; Fabien Reboul and Sadio Doumbia, France, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Matthew Ebden (6), Australia, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5); Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Austin Krajicek (4), United States, def. Guillermo Duran and Sebastian Baez, Argentina, 7-6 (7-3), 3-6, 7-6 (4); Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz (11), Germany, def. Zhang Zhizhen, China, and Victor Vlad Cornea, Romania, 7-5, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — FIRST ROUND

Irina Khromacheva, Russia, and Linda Noskova, Czech Republic, def. Alexandra Panova and Yana Sizikova, Russia, 6-4, 6-4; Maryna Zanevska and Kimberley Zimmermann, Belgium, def. Fiona Ferro and Tessah Andrianjafitrimo, France, 6-3, 6-1; Ingrid Neel, Estonia, and Fang-Hsien Wu, Taiwan, def. Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, and Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 6-3; Ulrikke Eikeri, Norway, and Eri Hozumi, Japan, def. Barbora Krejcikova and Katerina Siniakova (1), Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; Demi Schuurs, Netherlands, and Desirae Krawczyk (5), United States, def. Alicja Rosolska, Poland, and Cristina Bucsa, Spain, 6-0, 6-2; Jasmine Paolini and Martina Trevisan, Italy, def. Alicia Barnett and Olivia Nicholls, Britain, 7-6 (7-5), 1-6, 6-4; Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain, and Marie Bouzkova, Czech Republic, def. Angela Kulikov and Sophie Chang, United States, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; Jessica Pegula and Coco Gauff (2), United States, def. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, and Laura Siegemund, Germany, 6-2, 6-2; Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, and Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil, def. Kaia Kanepi, Estonia, and Tereza Mihalikova, Slovakia, 6-0, 6-1; Asia Muhammad, United States, and Giuliana Olmos (12), Mexico, def. Ana Bogdan, Romania, and Bernarda Pera, United States, 7-6 (4), 6-4; Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Luisa Stefani (8), Brazil, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany, and Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Italy, 6-2, 6-2; Latisha Chan and Hao-Ching Chan (14), Taiwan, def. Oksana Kalashnikova, Georgia, and Aliona Bolsova, Spain, 6-7 (7-5), 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; Nicole Melichar-Martinez, United States, and Ellen Perez (6), Australia, def. Chloe Paquet and Clara Burel, France, 6-2, 6-2; Alize Cornet and Diane Parry, France, def. Elixane Lechemia and Jessika Ponchet, France, 6-4, 6-7 (8-6), 6-3; Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, and Shelby Rogers, United States, def. Sabrina Santamaria, United States, and Nuria Parrizas Diaz, Spain, 6-1, 6-1; Katarzyna Piter, Poland, and Dalma Galfi, Hungary, def. Alexa Guarachi Mathison, Chile, and Erin Routliffe, New Zealand, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; Ysaline Bonaventure, Belgium, and Panna Udvardy, Hungary, def. Alice Robbe and Alice Tubello, France, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES — SECOND ROUND

Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Mate Pavic, Croatia, def. Jean-Julien Rojer and Demi Schuurs (4), Netherlands, 6-3, 6-4; Neal Skupski, Britain, and Giuliana Olmos (3), Mexico, def. Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Anna Danilina, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-2.

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Bank of Labor, a Kansas State chartered, non-member bank, intends to file a Community Reinvestment Act ("CRA") Strategic Plan with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") in Kansas City, Missouri. Bank of Labor is requesting public comment regarding its proposed CRA Strategic Plan for its assessment area in Washington, District of Columbia, pursuant to FDIC regulations, 12 C.F R. 345.27. The proposed CRA Strategic Plan is available for public inspection at Bank of Labor, 815 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite L004, Washington D.C. 20006. To obtain a copy of the non-confidential portions of the proposed CRA Strategic Plan at no charge to the requesting party, individuals may request a copy by e-mail, regular mail or phone by contacting Karen Sylvester, Bank of Labor, CRA Officer, ksylvester@bankoflabor.com , 17900 W 119th St., Olathe, KS 66061, 913-288-3115. All comments will be reviewed and considered in preparing the final version of the CRA Strategic Plan submitted to the FDIC. All written comments will also be submitted along with the proposed CRA Strategic Plan to the FDIC in Kansas City, MO. Any person wishing to comment on the proposed CRA Strategic Plan may file comments in writing with Karen Sylvester, CRA Officer, Bank of Labor, ksylvester@bankoflabor.com , 17900 W 119th St., Olathe, KS 66061, no later than June 30, 2023.

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION RECEIVED

Prince George's County
Application for State Discharge Permit 23DP0755, NPDES Permit MD0023931:
Maryland Environmental Service, 259 Najoles Rd., Millersville, MD 21108 applied for renewal of the permit to discharge an average of 70,000 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater from the Cheltenham Boys' Village Youth Facility Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 9821 Surratts Rd, Cheltenham, MD 20623 to an unnamed tributary of Piscataway Creek.
If a written request is received by **June 8, 2023**, an informational meeting can be held to discuss the application and permitting process. Requests should be forwarded to the **Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn: Mr. Yen-Der Cheng, Chief, Municipal Permits Division**. Hearing-impaired persons may request an interpreter at the informational meeting by contacting Mr. Cheng at (410) 537-3363 or 1-800-633-6101, or at the above address, at least ten working days prior to the scheduled meeting.
Any person wishing to review the application should contact Mr. Cheng at the above telephone number to schedule an appointment. Copies may be obtained at a cost of $0.36 per page.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023ADM000519

LORETTA J. WILLIS
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6710 Oxon Hill Road, Suite 210
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Carol L. Moten, whose address is 7705 Loudoun Drive, Fort Washington, MD 20744 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Loretta J. Willis, who died on 06-07-2003 without a will and will serve with Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 11/25/2023. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 11/25/2023, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Carol L. Moten
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 636

Estate of Harold R. Clifford, Sr.
Deceased

NOTICE OF STANDARD PROBATE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in this Court by PNC Bank, National Association for standard probate, including the appointment of one or more personal representatives. Unless a responsive pleading in the form of a complaint or an objection in accordance with Superior Court Probate Division Rule 407 is filed in this Court within 30 days from the date of first publication of this notice, the Court may take the action hereinafter set forth.
In the absence of a will or proof satisfactory to the Court of due execution, enter an order determining that the decedent died intestate appoint a supervised personal representative.

Veronica Harsley-Dean, Esq.
Counsel for Petitioner
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PETITIONER
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
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11/04/2022
Date of Death

DAVID EDWARD HORRIGAN III
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Robert Horrigan, whose address is 121 Melissa Trail, Auburndale, FL 33823, was appointed personal representative of the estate of David Edward Horrigan III, deceased, by the Circuit Court for Orange County, State of Florida, on January 4, 2023. Service of process may be made upon Thomas P. Hartnett, Esq., 700 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Suite 2006, Washington, DC 20003 whose designation as District of Columbia agent has been filed with the Register of Wills, D.C.
The decedent owned the following District of Columbia real property. 3741 Benton Place NW, Washington, DC 20007. The decedent owned District of Columbia personal property. Claims against the decedent may be presented to the undersigned and filed with the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001 within 6 months from the date of first publication of this notice.

Robert Horrigan
Personal Representative
Nicole D. Stevens
Register of Wills

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C.,
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
Complainant

v. Case No. CL23000773-00

Estate of Billy Arbuckle, et al
Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The reason for this cause is to obtain the whereabouts of any persons including but not limited to: Estate of Billy Arbuckle, Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Billy Arbuckle, Dennis Lee Arbuckle, Scotty A. Henhend, Estate of Zachary B. Arbuckle, Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Zachary B. Arbuckle and Billy G. Arbuckle and any other persons having an interest in the surplus proceeds of a trustee's sale pursuant to a Deed of Trust dated May 31, 2002 executed by Billy Arbuckle, for the benefit of Community Loan Servicing, LLC f/k/a Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, secured by the property located at 5342 Dickerson Rd, Partlow, VA 22534. This Deed of Trust was recorded on June 5, 2002 in the Clerk's Office of this Court in Document No. 017241, in Book No. 2190, at Page: 522.
Upon consideration whereof, this Order of Publication is granted, and is ORDERED that any interested persons do appear here on or before 6/30/2023 which date is no sooner than fifty (50) days after entry of this Order of Publication.
And it is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in The Washington Post newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Spotsylvania, Virginia.

Entered, this 11th day of May, 2023

CHRISTALYN M. JETT, CLERK

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NOTICE OF COMPLAINT BY PUBLICATION

Pursuant to Sections 12-303 and 304, Criminal Procedure Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, a Complaint and Petition for Forfeiture has been filed in Case No. D-06-CV-23- 013320, City of Gaithersburg Police Department vs. U.S. Currency in the amount of $14,446.00 and Jorge Pascacio Tlahualcapa on the 16th day of May, 2023, in the District Court of Maryland for Montgomery County. The $14,446 00 was seized on or about August 23, 2022 near 19515 Frederick Road, MBH 148, Germantoiwn, Maryland 20876..

The object of the Complaint and Petition is to obtain an Order from the Court forfeiting all of the right, title, and interest of the said currency, both legal and equitable, in and to the said currency. The said currency is subject to forfeiture in that it was involved in and part of violations of Title 5 of the Maryland Criminal Law Article, the Controlled Dangerous Substances Art, Title 5, of the Md. Criminal Law Article, consisting of Md. Criminal Code Ann., §§ 5-602 through 5-609, §§ 5-612 through 5-614, §5-617, §5-618 or §5-628, such that the currency was acquired during such violations or within a reasonable time after and there is no other likely source for the property, and was otherwise used or intended for use in connection with illegal manufacture, distribution, dispensing, or possession of controlled dangerous substance, in violation of Criminal Procedure Article, § 12-101 et seq., of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The above property will be forfeited if an Answer is not timely filed. An Answer may be filed with the Clerk of the District Court within 30 days of being served, pursuant to Maryland Rule 3-307, or within 60 days of June 1, 2023, the last publication date of this notice. Additional information may be obtained from Frank M. Johnson, Deputy City Attorney, City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, 31 S. Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877, phone number 301-258-6310.

If the currency is not needed for evidentiary purposes in a judicial proceeding, the owner of the currency may obtain possession of the currency pending forfeiture by posting a bond in the manner provided in § 12-208(b) of the Criminal Procedure of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD
Case No. CL2300146300

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C.,
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
Complainant

v.

Estate of Dowdell Gamblin, et als
Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The reason for this cause is to obtain the whereabouts of any persons including but not limited to: Estate of Dowdell Gamblin and any other persons having an interest in the surplus proceeds of a trustee's sale pursuant to a Deed of Trust dated September 19, 2016 executed by Dowdell Gamblin, for the benefit of Equity Loans LLC OBA Equity Prime Mortgage secured by the property located at 61 Aspen Hill Dr, Unit 55-1, Fredericksburg, VA 22406. This Deed of Trust was recorded on September 21, 2016 in the Clerk's Office of this Court in Document No. 160017140.
Upon consideration whereof, this Order of Publication is granted, and ts ORDERED that any interested persons do appear here on or before June 20, 2023 which date is no sooner than fifty (50) days after entry of this Order of Publication.
And it is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in The Washington Post newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Stafford, Virginia.
Entered, this 20th day of April, 2023.

Kathleen M. Sterne
Clerk

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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR STAFFORD COUNTY
Case No: CL23001331-00

COMMONWEALTH TRUSTEES, LLC,
Trustee
Petitioner,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF VINCENT T. BARBER
Serve: By Order of Publication
Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
CAME NOW, Your Petitioner, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC ("Commonwealth"), by counsel,and upon its Affidavit of Order of Publication requesting an Order of Publication, and IT APPEARING that the object of this suit is to interplead surplus funds held in escrow following the sale of 108 Blossom Lane, Stafford, Virginia 22554, at foreclosure; and IT APPEARING that Vincent T. Barber is deceased and Petitioner has not been able to locate any evidence that an estate has been established or a List of Heirs filed; and IT APPEARING that due diligence has been used to locate Respondents, Unknown Heirs of Vincent T. Barber, (hereinafter "Barber Parties Unknown"); and IT APPEARING that the last known address for Vincent T. Barber is 108 Blossom Lane, Stafford, Virginia 22554; and IT APPEARING that it is timely and appropriate that this Court enter an Order allowing for service upon the Respondents be completed pursuant to Virginia Code§8.01-316 by Order of Publication in a newspaper with general circulation in and published in and approved by the Circuit Court for the Stafford County, Virginia, and it is therefore. ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that an ORDER OF PUBLICATION, be and hereby is to be published in The Washington Post once a week for four successive weeks in order to perfect service upon Respondent, Barber Parties Unknown; further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that all Respondents be placed on notice that a Petition is pending in the Circuit Court of the Stafford County, Virginia, namely Commonwealth Trustees, LLC v. Unknown Heirs of Vincent T. Barber, Case number CL23001331-00, to interplead surplus funds held in escrow following the sale of 108 Blossom Lane, Stafford, Virginia 22554, at foreclosure; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED, that Barber Parties Unknown must appear on or before the 20th day of June, 2023, before this Court and make known to this Court any objection they may have to the petition and to state their interests in and to the subject real property; to claim said surplus funds, and to claim any denfense to the pending action otherwise an order will be entered in favor of Petitioner, and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the Clerk of this Court send notice of this service to Respondent at the last known address of 108 Blossom Lane, Stafford, Virginia 22554; and ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the Washington Post shall file an affidavit of publication with the Clerk of this County attesting to the dates of publication, attesting to the notice was published at least once a week for four successive weeks.
Dated this 21st day of April, 2023.

Kathleen M. Sterne, CLERK
of the Stafford Couty Circuit Court

WE ASK FOR THIS:
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Virginia Electric and Power Company (VMRC #23-0428) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install, by the Horizontal Directional Drill method, three (3) electric transmission lines (one circuit) a minimum of three (3) feet beneath a 41-foot wide section of Scott's Run, near the intersection of Georgetown Pike and Swinks Mill Road in Fairfax County.
You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2023-0428) at https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/[webapps.mrc.virginia.gov]
We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received within l5 days of this notice to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

LAURA S. BOUYEA and DAREK S. BUSHNAQ, Substitute Trustees, Plaintiffs.

v.

ELDRIDGE, INC., Defendant.

Case No. C-15-CV-22-001339
COMMERCIAL FORECLOSURE

ORDER NISI

ORDERED this **22 day of May 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in the above captioned proceedings, located at **255 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20850**, as more particularly described in the Indemnity Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated as of August 7, 2007 ("Deed of Trust"), by and between Eldridge, Inc. ("Grantor") and Lawyers Title Realty Services, Inc. ("Trustee"), for the benefit of Suburban Capital Markets, Inc., as beneficiary ("Original Lender"), in the principal amount of $40,000,000, recorded on or about August 13, 2007, among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland ("Land Records") in Liber 34713, Folio 133, having been assigned by Original Lender to LaSalle Bank National Association, pursuant to that certain Assignment of Indemnity Deed of Trust dated as of August 7, 2007, recorded among the Land Records on August 13, 2007, in Liber 34713, Folio 177, having been assigned by LaSalle Bank National Association to Bank of America pursuant to that certain Assignment of Indemnity Deed and Security Agreement dated as of October 24, 2008, recorded among the Land Records on July 14, 2009, in Liber 37645, Folio 252, having been assigned by Bank of America, N.A. to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee, in Trust for the Registered Holders of Banc of America Commercial Mortgage Inc., Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2008-LS1 (the "Trust"), pursuant to that certain Assignment of Indemnity Deed of Trust dated as of October 24, 2008, recorded among the Land Records on July 14, 2009, in Liber 37645, Folio 253, and having been further assigned by the Trust to CMLT 2008-LS1 Rockville Pike, LLC, pursuant to that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Fixture Filing and Security Agreement and other Recorded Loan Documents effective as of March 20, 2023, and recorded in the Land Records on March 27, 2023, at Book 66844, Page 336, the Trustees having been substituted in as trustees under the Deed of Trust pursuant to a Deed of Removal of Trustee and Appointment of Substitute Trustees dated March 29, 2022, and recorded in the Land Records on April 1, 2022, at Liber 65522, Folio 382, made and reported in this cause by Laura S. Bouyea and Darek S. Bushnaq, Trustees, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **22nd day of June 2023**, provided a copy of this Order Nisi be inserted in some newspaper published in Montgomery County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **22nd day of June, 2023**.

The Report of Sale states the amount of sale to be **Seven Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($7,750,000)**.

KAREN A, BUSHELL
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Montgomery County, Maryland

May 25, 2023
June 1, 8, 2023 12423940

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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING
DEVELOPMENT IMPACT TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT IMPACT TAX FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS
MANDATORY RATE ADJUSTMENT

Pursuant to Sections 52-49, 52-55, and 52-59 of the Montgomery County Code a virtual public hearing will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, June 13th at the following numbers and address:

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The hearing is concerning the levy and imposition of the Development Impact Tax for Transportation Improvements and the Development Impact Tax for Public School Improvements.

Under Section 52-49 of the Montgomery County Code the Director of Finance must adjust the tax rates for each transportation impact tax district by the annual average increase or decrease in a published construction cost index specified by regulation for the two most recent calendar years. The Director must calculate the adjustment to the nearest multiple of 5 cents for rates per square foot of gross floor area or one dollar for rates per dwelling unit.

Under Section 52-55 of the Montgomery County Code the Director of Finance must adjust the tax rates for each school impact tax district in accordance with the update to the Growth and Infrastructure Policy using the latest student generation rates and school construction cost data. The Director must calculate the adjustment to the nearest multiple of one dollar. Under Section 52-59 of the Montgomery County Code the Director of Finance must adjust the Utilization Premium Payment and also calculate the adjustment to the nearest multiple of one dollar.

Information on the mandatory rate adjustments is available at the following office: Montgomery County Department of Finance on the 15th floor of the Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland. The phone number is 240-777-8860. Written statements may be submitted to Michael J. Coveyou, Director of Finance, 101 Monroe Street, 15th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Interpreter services are available for deaf and hearing-impaired citizens. These services can only be guaranteed with five (5) days advance notice. This facility is accessible to the handicapped. DEPT: Finance-Director's Office FULL MAIL ADDRESS: 101 Monroe Street, Fifteenth Floor EOB, Rockville, Maryland 20850 PHONE NUMBER: 240-777-8860.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustees,
Plantiffs,

v.

EMMANUEL GEORGE KARELLAS, et al,
Defendants.

Case No. C15CV22002662

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **30** day of **May, 2023** that the sale of the property in this case, **15901 MOUNT EVEREST LANE, SILVER SPRING, MD 20906,** reported by Jennifer Deardorff, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **30** day of **June, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in the Washington Post, a newspaper published in MONTGOMERY County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **30** day of **June, 2023.**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$543,650.00.**

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland

June 1, 8, 15, 2023 12424619

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al.
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814

Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Estate of Rafael A Vanegas
Morena L. Robles
3770 Bel Pre Road, Unit 11
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Defendant(s)

Case No. C-15-CV-22-003669

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **30** day of **May, 2023,** by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of **3770 Bel Pre Road, Unit 11, Silver Spring, MD 20906,** made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **28 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **28 day of June, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$151,000.00.**

KAREN A, BUSHELL
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Montgomery County, Maryland

June 1, 8, 15, 2023 12424621

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et. al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.

Marie C. Lamour
Defendant(s)

Civil No. 441043V

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, this **30 day of May, 2023,** that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **7128 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Hugh J. Green, Christine M. Drexel and Brian Thomas, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **29 day of June 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **29 day of June, 2023.**

The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$728,000.00.**

BY THE COURT:
Karen A. Bushell
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Orlans 14-700002

June 1, 8, 15, 2023 12424618

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Edward S. Cohn
Stephen N. Goldberg
Richard E. Solomon
Richard J. Rogers
Michael McKeefery
Christianna Kersey
Kevin Hildebeidel
1099 Winterson Road,
Suite 301
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

Silvia Andrea Loduca
AND
Harry D. Edelman
1006 Scott Avenue
Rockville, MD 20851
Defendants

Case No. 478736V

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **22 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **21 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **21 day of June, 2023**.

The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$420,000.00**. The property sold herein is known as **1006 Scott Avenue Rockville, MD 20851**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Montgomery County, Maryland

June 1, 8, 15, , 2023 12423839

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, MARYLAND

WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

YUKIHIRO MATSUMOTO
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

CIVIL NO: C15CV22004075

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **30 day of May, 2023** by the Circuit Court for the County of Montgomery, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto and Wayne Anthony Holman, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **25311 Damascus Park Terrace, Damascus, MD 20872,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **30 day of June, 2023** next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD published in said County of Montgomery once a week for three successive weeks before the **30 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the amount of the sale to be **$379,000.00**.

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk of the Circuit Court For
County of Montgomery

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP
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Manassas, Virginia 20109
703-449-5800

Trustees File #22-291351

June 1, 8, 15, 2023 12424615

825 Bids & Proposals

VDOT
Virginia Department of Transportation

Request for Qualifications
Contract ID #: C00122267DB123
I-81 CIP MM 72.0 NB to MM 73.4 NB Accel/Decel Lanes with Bridges

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is seeking Statements of Qualifications for the I-81 CIP MM 72.0 NB to MM 73.4 NB Accel/Decel Lanes with Bridges design-build project from qualified and experienced respondents with design and construction experience of highway facilities. The project is located in Wythe County on I-81 at the junction of I-77, between I-81 NB mile markers 72.0 and 73.4. Proposed improvements include lengthening the acceleration lane at the merge area from the I -77, offramp to I-81 southbound and lengthening the deceleration lane from the I -81 northbound onramp to I-77 NB. Proposed improvements also include complete replacement of the existing bridges over Peppers Ferry Road and replacement of the I -81 northbound bridge over the I-77 NB trumpet ramp. Other roadway improvements include extending the I -77 Exit 41 SB acceleration lane to create an auxiliary lane that lengthens the merge area between the Exit 41SB entrance ramp and the off ramp to I-81 SB. Replacement of the I- 81 southbound bridge over I-77 is not part of the project. The project does not increase the capacity of I-81 and will provide two lanes of travel in both I -81 directions. The work includes but not limited to: roadway and bridge design, survey, environmental, geotechnical, hydraulics and stormwater management, traffic control devices, transportation management plan, utility relocation, public involvement/relations and stakeholder coordination, quality assurance and quality control, construction engineering and inspection, and overall project management.

Questions/clarifications regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) should be submitted to Joseph A. Clarke, PE, DBIA (joseph.clarke@vdot.virginia.gov).

Copies of the RFQ and additional submittal requirements can be found on Bid Express (bidexpress.com)

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850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, MARYLAND

WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

JUAN M PEREZ
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

CIVIL NO: 480658-V

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **19 day of May, 2023** by the Circuit Court for the County of Montgomery, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage and Gregory N. Britto, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **7333 New Hampshire Avenue, #803, Takoma Park, MD 20912,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **21 day of June, 2023** next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD published in said County of Montgomery once a week for three successive weeks before the **21 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the amount of the sale to be **$169,781.00.**

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk of the Circuit Court For
County of Montgomery

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Trustees File #20-286469

June 1, 8, 15, 2023 12423507

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

MARY L. ARTIS
5412 85th Avenue
Unit 101
Hyattsville A/R/T/A
New Carrollton, MD 20784
Defendant(s).

Case No. CAEF22-22250

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **22nd day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **5412 85th Avenue, Unit 101, Hyattsville A/R/T/A New Carrollton, MD 20784**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **22nd day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **22nd day of June, 2023**.

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$140,500.00**.

Mahasin El Amin #793
Clerk, Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland

BWW#MD-356128

May 25, 2023
June 1, 8, 2023 12423775

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

DIANA THEOLOGOU,
Substitute Trustee, et al,
Plaintiffs,

v.

IMAN NEWMAN, ET. AL.,
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-22-001301

NOTICE

ORDERED this **23 day of May, 2023** by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, that the sale of the property at **2309 Olson Street #203, Temple Hills, MD 20748,** mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported Diana Theologou, et. al, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **23 day of June, 2023** next, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **23 day of June, 2023** next.

The report states the amount of sale to be **$71,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, Maryland

May 25, 2023
June 1, 8, 2023 12424006

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

JASON MURPHY, , et al,
Substitute Trustee,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE ESTATE OF AURA M. FLOYD, et al

Defendants.

Case No. CAEF22-02179

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **23 day of May, 2023**, that the sale of the property in this case, **5434 WOODLAND BLVD OXON HILL, MD 20745,** reported by Jennifer Deardorff, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **23 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **23 day of June, 2023**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$342,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin#769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, MD

May 25, 2023
June 1, 8, 2023 12424005

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

DIANA THEOLOGOU,
Substitute Trustee, et al,
Plaintiffs,

v.

WALTER COVERT, JR., ET. AL.,
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-23-000319

NOTICE

ORDERED this **22 day of May, 2023** by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, that the sale of the property at **13402 Colwyn Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744,** mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported Diana Theologou, et. al, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **22 day of June, 2023** next, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **22 day of June, 2023** next.

The report states the amount of sale to be **$351,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, Maryland

June 1, 8, 15, 2023 12423842

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

DIANA THEOLOGOU,
Substitute Trustee, et al,
Plaintiffs,

v.

DAVID ROBERTSON,
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-22-001162

NOTICE

ORDERED this **22 day of May, 2023** by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, that the sale of the property at **9204 Surratts Manor Drive, Clinton, MD 20735,** mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported Diana Theologou, et. al, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **22 day of June, 2023** next, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **22 day of June, 2023** next.

The report states the amount of sale to be **$255,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, Maryland

June 1, 8, 15, 2023 12423843

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,

Plaintiff,

v.

WENDELL R. BARNES, et al

Defendants.

Case No. CAEF19-27457

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **22 day of May, 2023,** that the sale of the property in this case, **15609 Everglade Ln F101 Bowie, MD 20716,** reported by Jennifer Deardorff, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **22 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **22 day of June, 2023**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$215,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin#769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, MD

June 1, 8, 15, 2023 12423840

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Eric D. Vandelinde
Substitute Trustee

Versus

Kenneth A. Lear
Lynn M. Lear
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-21-001183

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Thursday, May 11, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Eric D. Vandeline, Substitute Trustee**

BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **12th** day of **June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **12th** day of **June 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **117 FOREST RD, GLEN BURNIE, MD 21060** to be **$146,281.96**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, M.D.

May 18, 25, 2023
June 1, 2023 12423320

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office: 301-600-2015

Case Number: C-10-CV-22-000004
Other Reference Numbers:

Date: 5/22/2023

JAMES CLARKE

VS.

MICHAEL KING, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **22nd day of May, 2023** that the sale made and recorded by Christine M. Drexel for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

4724 A Mill Bottom Road,
Mount Airy, MD 21771

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks.

The report states the amount of the sale to be **$297,500.00**.

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

May 25,2023
June 1, 8, 2023 12423777

857 Howard County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al.
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814

Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Elizabeth A Bolling
8984 Watchlight Court
Columbia, MD 21045

Defendant(s)

Case No. C-13-CV-23-000009

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **11** day of **May, 2023** by the Circuit Court for Howard County, Maryland, that thele of **8984 Watchlight Court, Columbia, MD 21045**, made and reported , will be ratified and confirmed, unless cau.se to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **11** day of **June, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5**, day of **June, 2023**.
Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$256,889.48**.

Wayne A. Robey
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Howard County, Maryland

May 18, 25, 2023
June 1, 2023 12422475

872 Fairfax County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

1911 COURTLAND ROAD, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22306

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $490,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 2.000000% dated January 23, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **County of Fairfax** as Deed Book 18169, Page 0075, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Fairfax, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Fairfax located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia on **August 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM,** the property with improvements to wit:

FIRST HOLLINDALE

LT 3 BLK 3

Tax Map No. 102-1-18-03-0003

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 23-293016.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

June 31, 2023
July 5, 12, 2023 12424247



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875 Fauquier County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

9460 CREST HILL RD, MARSHALL, VA 20115

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $519,200.00, with an annual interest rate of 5.250000% dated May 25, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **County of Fauquier** as Deed Book 1218, Page 219, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Fauquier, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Fauquier located at 40 Culpeper Street, Warrenton, Virginia on **July 6, 2023 at 3:00 PM**, the property with improvements to wit:

LAKE ATHLONE ESTS LOT 19A DIV LOT 19

Tax Map No. 6959-25-9023-000

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 22-290670.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

April 25, 2023
June 1, 8, 2023 12420492

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

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LEESBURG, VA 20175
703-777-7101

709 BRANDYWINE STREET SE UNIT B1, AND PARKING UNIT P-19, WASHINGTON DC 20032

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case 2019 CA 007819 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 709 BRANDYWINE STREET SE UNIT B1, AND PARKING UNIT P-19, WASHINGTON DC 20032 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **JUNE 27, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M**, the land and premises situated in the **District of Columbia**, and designated as and being Lot 2030 AND 2077 AND Square 6164, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on OCTOBER 13, 2006 as Instrument Number:.2006139642

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $15,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 45 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid forty-five (45) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No 18-900047

JAMES E. CLARKE AND HUGH J. GREEN
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC.
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202-463-4567
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June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023 12422412

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1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE, SUITE 310
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1611 T STREET SE UNIT 3, WASHINGTON DC 20020

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case :2019 CA 000572 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1611 T STREET SE UNIT 3, WASHINGTON DC 20020.

at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **JUNE 13, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 2003 in Square 5611, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the **District of Columbia**, on JUNE 16, 2006 as Instrument Number: 2006079804.

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $30,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No18-900076

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3459 SUMMIT COURT NE, WASHINGTON DC 20018

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case :2015 CA 005899 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 3459 SUMMIT COURT NE, WASHINGTON DC 20018.

at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **JUNE 13, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M**, the land and premises situated in the **District of Columbia**, and designated as and being Lot 2369 in Square 4325, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on MARCH 10, 2006 as Instrument Number: 2006031301.

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $30,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No15-900098

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

2106 Ross Road Silver Spring, MD 20910

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from PAUL G. WILLIAMS AND SUZANNE T. WILLIAMS, dated November 3, 2006 and recorded in Liber 33403, folio 169 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.475575V; Tax ID No.13-01147443) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

JUNE 6, 2023 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $45,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 19-700845)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

5910 ARBROATH DR. CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Thomara B. Speight dated August 24, 2007 and recorded in Liber 28616, folio 8 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 11:33 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #09-0902924 and Tax ID #09-0902932.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $45,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001701-MD-F-1.

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5229 KANSAS AVENUE NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20011

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case :2015 CA 001420 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 5229 KANSAS AVENUE NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20011.

at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **JUNE 13, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M,** the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0015 in Square 3300, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the **District of Columbia**, on FEBRUARY 7, 2007 as Instrument Number: 2007018179.

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $40,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

Trustees' File No 19-900121

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5055 SHERIFF ROAD NE, WASHINGTON DC 20019

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case 2019 CA 008150 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 5055 SHERIFF ROAD NE, WASHINGTON DC 20019.

at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **JUNE 13, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M,** the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0976 AND Square 5176, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the **District of Columbia**, on MAY 13, 2015 as Instrument Number:.2015047610.

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $20,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 45 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid forty-five (45) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No 19-900143

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3701 9TH STREET NW, UNIT 1, WASHINGTON DC 20010

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case :2014 CA 007369 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 3701 9TH STREET NW, UNIT 1, WASHINGTON DC 20010.

at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **JUNE 13, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 2001 in Square 2900, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the **District of Columbia**, on FEBRUARY 23, 2007 as Instrument Number: 2007025559.

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Rafael A. Tobar and Rosa Mirella Lagos-Cruz dated January 8, 1993 and recorded in Liber 8613, folio 534 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 11:37 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #02-0110700.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $10,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001016-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

138 BIG CHIMNEY BRANCH, UNIT #10-3 UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Gloria H. Stewart dated January 9, 2008 and recorded in Liber 29351, folio 464 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 11:35 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and described as Unit numbered 10-3 in a horizontal property regime known as "Cinnamon Ridge Condominium" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #13-1528579.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $23,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 21-000903-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

13111 FOREMAN PL. UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Sandra T. Collins dated February 14, 2013 and recorded in Liber 35057, folio 176 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 11:29 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #07-3580016.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $33,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001393-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

8302 BRANCHWOOD CIR. CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 4, 2013, recorded in Liber 34904, Folio 277 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $273,200.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 11:17 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $23,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 357944-1)

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1355 POTOMAC HEIGHTS DR., UNIT #53 FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 6, 2004, recorded in Liber 20125, Folio 671 among the Land Records of **Prince George's County**, MD, with an original principal balance of $132,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 10:57 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and described as Unit No. 53, in a Plat of Condominium Subdivision styled, "Plat of Condominium-Pinewood Hill Condominium, Section Four" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $13,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 341843-2)

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1515 FENWOOD AVE. OXON HILL, MD 20745

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 25, 2014, recorded in Liber 36357, Folio 360 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $252,158.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 11:09 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $22,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 356069-1)

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15503 KENNETT SQUARE WAY BRANDYWINE, MD 20613

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 25, 2005, recorded in Liber 23302, Folio 602 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $254,900.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 13, 2023 AT 10:50 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $26,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 355504-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

9004 BYARD CT. SPRINGDALE, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Anabelle Herra-Arce and Martin Martinez dated June 1, 2007 and recorded in Liber 28131, folio 480 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 11:31 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #20-2261014.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $29,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-002474-MD-F-1.

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16605 VILLAGE DR. WEST UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Raymond J M Colbert, IV a/k/a Raymond Colbert dated November 21, 2018 and recorded in Liber 41711, folio 303 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 11:27 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #03-0239244.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $22,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

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403 DIAS DR. FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 26, 2006, recorded in Liber 37965, Folio 132 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $195,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 11:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 355957-1)

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17304 SUMMERWOOD LN. ACCOKEEK, MD 20607

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 31, 2011, recorded in Liber 32941, Folio 46 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $350,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 11:11 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $30,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 318086-3)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

14306 BOWSPRIT LN., UNIT #31 A/R/T/A UNIT #433 LAUREL, MD 20707

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 24, 2008, recorded in Liber 29358, Folio 109 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $390,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 11:07 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and described as Unit No. 433, in a condominium styled "Bridgeport Condominium" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $15,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 360527-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

7717 FISHING CREEK WAY CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 9, 2007, recorded in Liber 28337, Folio 496 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $296,100.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 13, 2023 AT 10:48 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $24,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 352307-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to ANDREW VALENTINE, Trustee(s), dated January 25, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 27470 , folio 728 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED THIRTEEN (13) IN BLOCK LETTERED "C" IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "DEFENSE HEIGHTS", AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK WWW 18 AT PLAT 62, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, BEING IN THE 2ND ELECTION DISTRICT

Said property is subject to a IRS Right of Redemption.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $18,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.948 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020.
File No. (21-07880)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

3602 PORTAL AVE. TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 14, 2005, recorded in Liber 22931, Folio 547 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $228,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 13, 2023 AT 10:44 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $17,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 357977-1)

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810 ARBOR PARK PL. BOWIE, MD 20721

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 22, 2014, recorded in Liber 36380, Folio 5 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $373,018.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 13, 2023 AT 10:46 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $37,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 207925-5)

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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to OLD REPUBLIC NATL TITLE, Trustee(s), dated May 15, 2020, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 43607, folio 101, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

UNIT NUMBERED AND LETTERED NINETY-SIX-E (96-E), IN BUILDING NUMBERED FIFTEEN (15), IN A HORIZONTAL OR CONDOMINIUM REGIME ENTITLED, "PHASE XLI, GLENSFORD CONDOMINIUM" AS PER PLATS THEREOF RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN CONDOMINIUM PLAT BOOK VJ 177, AT PLATS 90 THROUGH 94, BOTH INCLUSIVE; ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF TITLE 11, SEC 11-101, ET SEQ., OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1981 VOL. AND 1986 SUPP. AND AMENDMENTS THERETO); AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF A DECLARATION AND BY-LAWS MADE BY THE ARTERY ORGANIZATION, INC., A MARYLAND CORPORATION, RECORDED MAY 2, 1986 IN LIBER 6957, FOLIOS 583-617, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO. TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS OF SAID REGIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID DECLARATION AND BY-LAWS AS MAY BE AMENDED OR REVISED FROM TIME TO TIME. BEING IN THE 13TH ELECTION DISTRICT OF SAID COUNTY.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $27,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.49 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020.
File No. (22-01076)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING

12104 CHIP SHOT LANE UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772

(Case No.: CAEF22-00503 in
The Circuit Court for Prince George's County)

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Purchase Money Deed of Trust from Ronda Rachelle Parks and Roderick Cabell Parks dated October 31, 2006 and recorded in Liber 26837, folio 028 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 11:27 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements, if any, thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Purchase Money Deed of Trust, as modified.

Being known and designated as Lot No. 14 in a subdivision known as "Plat of Correction, Plat Two, Putter's Choice, Lots 1 thru 22" as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book REP 197 at Plat 43 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland.

The property address being known as: 12104 Chip Shot Lane Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Tax ID No. 15-3459468

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

The property will be sold subject to a prior mortgage dated April 28, 2006 and recorded on June 2, 2006 in Liber 25232, folio 049, the amount to be announced at the time of sale.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the amount of $21,000 in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in any other form suitable to the Substitute Trustee in his sole discretion, shall be required at the time of sale, except no deposit shall be required of the secured party, its successors or assigns. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that the property will be resold and the entire deposit shall be retained by the Substitute Trustee as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting Purchaser. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 4% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustee. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of current year's real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Taxes due for prior years including costs of any tax sale are payable by the purchaser. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. Any deferred water and sewer charges that purports to cover or defray cost during construction of public water or wastewater facilities constructed by the developer and subject to an annual fee or assessment are to be paid by the purchaser to the lienholder and are a contractual obligation between the lienholder and the owner of the property, and is not a fee or assessment imposed by the county. Any right of prepayment or discount for early prepayment of water and sewer charges may be ascertained by contacting the lienholder. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All costs of recordation including but not limited to transfer taxes, recordation taxes, agricultural or other taxes or charges assessed by any governmental entity as a condition to recordation shall be paid by Purchaser, whether or not Purchaser is a First Time Maryland Homebuyer. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. The Substitute Trustee will convey either insurable or marketable title. If he cannot deliver one or the other, or ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at sale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING

8101 BIRDSONG DRIVE FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

(Case No. C-16-CV-22-000221 in
The Circuit Court for Prince George's County)

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Purchase Money Deed of Trust from Ronda Rachelle Parks and Roderick Cabell Parks dated October 31, 2006 and recorded in Liber 26837, folio 028 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

June 6, 2023 AT 11:29AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements, if any, thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Purchase Money Deed of Trust.

Lot Numbered thirteen (13) in Block Lettered "A" in the subdivision known as "Plat Three, Cimarron Woods" as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book VJ 156 at Plat 85, among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland. Said property being located in the 9th Election District of said county. The improvements thereon being known as 8101 Birdsong Drive.

The property address being known as: 8101 Birdsong Drive Fort Washington, Maryland 20744

Tax ID No. 09-0886168

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

The property will be sold subject to a prior mortgage dated October 31, 2006 and recorded January 11, 2007 in Liber 26837, folio 007 and modified by a Modification Agreement dated November 4, 2009 and recorded on March 3, 2010 at book 31472, page 389, the amount to be announced at the time of sale.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the amount of $17,000 in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in any other form suitable to the Substitute Trustees in their sole discretion, shall be required at the time of sale, except no deposit shall be required of the secured party, its successors or assigns. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that the property will be resold and the entire deposit shall be retained by the Substitute Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting Purchaser. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 7% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of current year's real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Taxes due for prior years including costs of any tax sale are payable by the purchaser. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. Any deferred water and sewer charges that purports to cover or defray cost during construction of public water or wastewater facilities constructed by the developer and subject to an annual fee or assessment are to be paid by the purchaser to the lienholder and are a contractual obligation between the lienholder and owner of the property, and is not a fee or assessment imposed by the county. Any right of prepayment or discount for early prepayment of water and sewer charges may be ascertained by contacting the lienholder. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All costs of recordation including but not limited to transfer taxes, recordation taxes, agricultural or other taxes or charges assessed by any governmental entity as a condition to recordation shall be paid by Purchaser, whether or not Purchaser is a First Time Maryland Homebuyer. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at sale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**2313 BARNSTABLE DR.
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 21, 2014, recorded in Liber 35914, Folio 166 among the Land Records of **Prince George's County**, MD, with an original principal balance of $306,100.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 10:55 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $27,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 345560-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
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**4506 Payne Dr
Fort Washington, MD 20744**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to FRIEDMAN & MAC FAYDEN PA, Trustee(s), dated November 7, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 26784, folio 347 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND SITUATE IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 4 IN BLOCK B, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF MORGAN SUBDIVISION, RECORDED AMONG THE PLAT RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK WWW 43, FOLIO 43. THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BEING KNOWN AS NO. 4506 PAYNE DRIVE CAMP SPRINGS.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $26,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 .
File No. (14-02892)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**9205 FAIRLANE PL.
LAUREL, MD 20708**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Jerry Grissette, Monica Grissette, Denise Grissette and James Preston, dated June 9, 2005 and recorded in Liber 22293, folio 567 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 13, 2023 AT 11:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Property Address (for Informational Purposes): 9205 Fairlane Pl., Laurel MD 20708

Tax ID Number: 10-0999177

The foreclosure sale advertised herein has been docketed in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, as Case No. CAEF22-25998

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $37,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 7.550000% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale.

This property will be sold subject to a 120 day right of redemption by The Internal Revenue Service.

Adam Friedman, Ralph Vartolo, Catherine Aponte, Rachel Kiefer, Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS

**7346 Green Oak Ter
Lanham, MD 20706**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to THOMAS DORE, Trustee(s), dated December 20, 2011, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 33252 , folio 340 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LANHAM, COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGES, STATE OF MARYLAND, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 24, GREENOAK TOWNES, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK NLP 119, PAGE 39, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 18357, PAGE 389, DATED 09/30/2003, RECORDED 11/10/2003 IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY RECORDS. TAX/PARCEL ID: 21-2299055

Said property is subject to a prior mortgage.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $10,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 4.375 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020. File No. (22-02219)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**3612 DIXON ST.
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 12, 2007, recorded in Liber 28242, Folio 507 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $217,600.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 11:13 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 157767-4)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
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**6700 Furman Pkwy
Riverdale, MD 20737**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to FRIEDMAN & MAC FAYDEN PA, Trustee(s), dated September 14, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 26405 , folio 499 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED NINE (9), IN BLOCK LETTERED "B", IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "PLAT OF SUBDIVISION PARTS OF BLOCKS B, C & D, BEACON HEIGHTS," AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT BOOK WWW 23 AT PLAT 38.2ND ELECTION DISTRICT. THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON NOW KNOWN AS 6700 FURMAN PKWY, RIVERDALE, MD 20737. TAX I.D. NO. 02-0089102

Said property is subject to a IRS Right of Redemption.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $10,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.99086% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020. File No. (22-02791)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**3205 LA DOVA WAY
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 24, 2017, recorded in Liber 40327, Folio 199 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $259,462.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 13, 2023 AT 10:42 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $25,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 357485-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

**1921 BREWTON ST
District Heights, MD 20747**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to ARMOUR SETTLEMENT SERVICES LLC, Trustee(s), dated July 9, 2020, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 43890 , folio 337 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, STATE OF MARYLAND, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 28 IN BLOCK J AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT ENTITLED "PARTS OF BLOCKS J AND K SECTION SIX DISTRICT HEIGHTS", WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK W.W.W, 61, FOLIO 76.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $32,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.75% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020. File No. (22-01152)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**5105 HAGAN RD.
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 7, 2007, recorded in Liber 29544, Folio 464 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $279,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 13, 2023 AT 10:34 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 302966-2)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**401 STEWART AVE.
ARNOLD, MD 21012**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Dieter Rechenberg dated January 14, 2008 and recorded in Liber 19841, folio 321 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 9:17 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #03-270-24623450.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $16,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001539-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

602 JUPITER HILLS CT., UNIT #6-B ARNOLD, MD 21012

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Eleonore E. Leech dated March 23, 2007 and recorded in Liber 19200, folio 82 and re-recorded in Liber 32524, Folio 139 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 9:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and described as Unit 6-B, Building 6, in the horizontal property regime known as "Deep Creek Commons" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #03-233-90072314.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $33,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001692-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
326 Lindera Court Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to THE ATLANTIC TITLE GROUP, Trustee(s), dated December 19, 2014, and recorded among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 27953, folio 092, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

ALL THAT PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED OF TRUST RECORDED JANUARY 8, 2015 IN LIBER 27953, FOLIO 092

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 3.75% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (72814)

Robert A. Jones, et al SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
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Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated April 29, 2013, and recorded in Liber 26154, folio 0369, of the land records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, with an original principal balance of $50,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 03-727-90013345

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $44,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 4.490% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-060382)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
7512 Resch Loop Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to DANIEL V. LAWSON AND WILLIAM S. LANDON, Trustee(s), dated November 20, 2019, and recorded among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 34317, folio 401, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 59, AS SHOWN ON PLATS ENTITLED "PLATS 1 OF 7, OAKVIEW VILLAGE" AND RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT BOOK 330, PAGES 32 THRU 38, PLAT NOS. 17058 THRU 17064. SUBJECT TO COVENANTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY THE PAYMENT OF DEFERRED WATER AND SEWER CHARGES AS FURTHER REFERENCED IN LIBER 27441, FOLIO 364 AND RERECORDED IN LIBER 27584, FOLIO 502 IN THE AFORESAID LAND RECORDS, PER ANNUM FOR A PERIOD OF FORTY (40) YEARS PAYABLE TO OAKVIEW HOLDINGS, L.C., OR ITS SUCCESSORS AND OR ASSIGNS.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 5% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (82325)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
1102 CASTLE HARBOUR WAY 1C GLEN BURNIE, MD 21060

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated September 28, 2017, and recorded in Liber 31455, folio 396, of the land records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, with an original principal balance of $145,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 03-174-90052476

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $13,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 4.375% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-005806)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
305 Hillcrest Avenue Brooklyn, MD 21225

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to CRAIG A. LEVINE, Trustee(s), dated May 7, 2018, and recorded among the Land Records of ANNE **ARUNDEL COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 32093, folio 77, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOTS NOS. 149 AND 150, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED, "HILLCREST", WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT BOOK G.W. #1 FOLIO 172, (NOW RECORDED IN CABINET NO. 2, ROD NO. C-9, FOLIO 172).

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 4.625% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (78820)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
402 AUDREY AVE BROOKLYN, MD 21225

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated January 20, 2011, and recorded in Liber 23209, folio 161, of the land records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, with an original principal balance of $247,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 50-460-6580400

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $11,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 2.461% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (21-012344)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
6500 DOLPHIN COURT GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated December 23, 2016, and recorded in Liber 30707, folio 306, of the land records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, with an original principal balance of $152,458.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 05-600-14276300

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $13,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 2.375% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-022831)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
225 NW 11TH AVENUE GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated June 20, 2012, and recorded in Liber 24842, folio 0172, of the land records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, with an original principal balance of $247,240.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

June 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 05-08862500

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $21,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.250% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (21-094121)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
3532 CEDAR DRIVE Edgewater, MD 21037

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated December 17, 2018, and recorded in Liber 32893, folio 129, of the land records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, with an original principal balance of $280,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 01-480-90221083

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $27,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.125% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (21-104654)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

519 WHITE OAK DRIVE
SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated September 24, 2010, and recorded in Liber 22752, folio 0302, of the land records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $562,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 03-745-24693220

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $27,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 2.383% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (21-012400)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

11528 WOLF HOWL LN.
LUSBY, MD 20657

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Michael C. Breder and Laura M. Breder dated April 13, 2007 and recorded in Liber 2987, folio 187 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House Door, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 3:19 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #01-096249.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Calvert County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001643-MD_F-1.

Diane S. Rosenberg, Mark D. Meyer, et al., Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

4011 14th Street
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to CAPITOL TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY INC, Trustee(s), dated February 28, 2014, and recorded among the Land Records of **CALVERT COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 4357, folio 424, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE CALVERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 175 MAIN ST, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 12:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CALVERT COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NO. 30, IN BLOCK NO. 60, AS SHOWN ON PLAT NO. 2, OF THE TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE BEACH; SAID PLAT BEING RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND IN LIBER A.A.H. NO. 7, FOLIO 74.

Said property is subject to a IRS Right of Redemption.

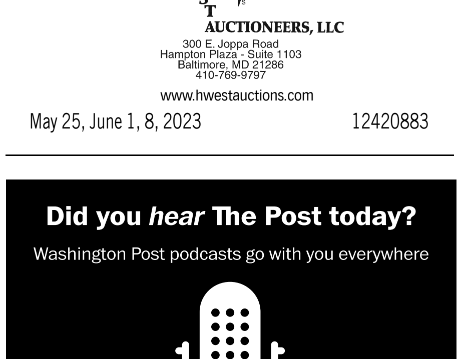
The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $14,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 4.375% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 .
File No. (22-09622)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

2760 RIVERSIDE RANCH PLACE
Nanjemoy, MD 20662

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to KELLY WELCH, Trustee(s), dated May 27, 2021, and recorded among the Land Records of **CHARLES COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 11896, folio 124, RERECORDED JUNE 21, 2021 IN BOOK 12657, PAGE 364, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

JUNE 12, 2023 at 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

CONTAINING 214,668 SQUARE FEET OR 4.9281 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. PART II: PART OF PARCEL A THIS TRACT OF LAND BEING PART OF AN AREA ENTITLED ON AFORESAID PLAT AS PARCEL A AND LABELED AS A 20 FOOT DEDICATION AREA FOR THE FUTURE ROAD WIDENING AND IS DESCRIBED HEREWITH UNTIL SUCH TIME SAID DEDICATION IS CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND. BEGINNING FOR THE SAME AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MD ROUTE 224, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF PARCEL A AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SOUTH 70 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 388.79 FOOT LINE OF SAID PLAT AND RUNNING FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING WITH PART OF SAID SIDE OF MD ROUTE 224 1. SOUTH 70 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 12.56 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE LEAVING SAID MD ROUTE 224 AND CROSSING PARCEL A 2. SOUTH 25 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 20.10 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WITH THE OUTLINE OF AFORESAID LOT 1 3. NORTH 70 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 12.56 FEET TO A POINT ON THE OUTLINE OF THE ENTIRE TRACT; THENCE WITH THE SAME 4. NORTH 25 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 20.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 251 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, MORE OR LESS

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $40,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 4.875% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 .
File No. (22-04729)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

13268 Penn Shop Rd
Mount Airy, MD 21771

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JACK L. HITT IV, dated March 30, 2016 and recorded in Liber 11077, folio 514 among the Land Records of **FREDERICK COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-10-CV-22-000532; Tax ID No.09-255494) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the FREDERICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701, on

JUNE 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $30,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for FREDERICK COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-004633)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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Frederick, MD 21703

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JERMICHAEL MCLAUCHLIN AND AMANDA MCLAUCHLIN, dated November 28, 2018 and recorded in Liber 12765, folio 176 among the Land Records of FREDERICK COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-10-CV-23-000007; Tax ID No.23-597680) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the FREDERICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701, on

JUNE 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $35,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for FREDERICK COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-005498)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

169 Heathfield Drive
Frederick, MD 21702

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to DAVID E. WATERS AND ANTHONY B. OLMERT, SR. , Trustee(s), dated October 21, 2016, and recorded among the Land Records of **FREDERICK COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 11479, folio 292, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE FREDERICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701 ON,

JUNE 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED SIX THOUSAND EIGHTY-TWO (6082) IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "FINAL PLAT, SECTIONS 4 THRU 9, TASKERS CHANCE, PLAT 13 OF 23, (SECTION 6B)" AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 57 AT PLAT 127, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 3.875% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (80300)

Robert A. Jones, et al SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

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873 Prince William County

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

9625 Laurencekirk Place, Bristow, VA 20136

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated April 15, 2022 and recorded at Instrument Number 202204180030193 in the Clerk's Office for the **Prince William County** Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally $697,140.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Circuit Court for Prince William County located at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110.

July 07, 2023 at 1:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

Lot 44, Phase 4, Section 29, Braemar, as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded as Instrument No. 200306200111085, as corrected in Instrument No. 200306270116218, and as shown on a corresponding plat at Instrument No. 200306270116219, recorded among the land records of Prince William County, Virginia.

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of $20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of $470.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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7 tasks for your June home maintenance checklist

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Summer officially begins later this month, but there's no penalty for getting started on seasonal home maintenance tasks early. Focus your energy on chores that will make summer more enjoyable, or that are a lot easier to do before it gets too hot.

Battle mosquitoes

Dining outdoors is great — until the mosquitoes attack. Lighting candles may help, but only if you are where the smoke drifts. Slathering yourself or your clothes with insect repellent gets around that issue, but the stuff stinks and who wants to wear pesticide to dinner? A better solution that's almost foolproof: Set up a fan above or to the side of your outdoor dining table. Mosquitoes aren't likely to try to fly through what to them must feel like a hurricane, so as long as you and your guests are bathed by the breeze, you should be safe. If you install a fan on the ceiling of a dining porch or other permanent location, make sure to get one rated for outdoor use.

It also helps to eliminate the habitat that mosquitoes need to reproduce, especially if your neighbors take similar steps. Mosquitoes lay eggs only in still water, so empty any buckets, toys or plastic tarps that trap water. If you must have standing water, such as in a birdbath, change the water at least every five days, the time it can take for a mosquito to go from an egg to being able to bite.

Feel the breeze

Fans perform summertime magic indoors, too. If you have a ceiling fan that's still set for wintertime operation, switch the direction the blades move so you can feel air flowing down when you are standing directly underneath. (In winter, the fan should push air down close to the walls; under the fan, the air should be flowing upward.) You can switch the direction on most fans by pushing a button on the remote or fan switch. If you have an older fan, you might need to use a step stool or a ladder to reach a switch on the fan itself.

Using a ceiling fan can save on your electrical bill — but only if you also adjust the thermostat so the air conditioner switches on at a higher temperature, use energy-efficient lights (if your fan includes them) and turn the fan off when no one is in the room. Ceiling fans cool people by helping sweat evaporate. The air temperature doesn't change, though, so leaving the fan running when no one is around just wastes electricity and adds the motor and lightbulb heat to the room.

If you're buying a new ceiling fan, get one with an Energy Star rating; it will move air more efficiently than other models.

Clean out the garage

Carve out some time to sort through boxes and sweep away any dirt that collected over the winter. Instead of simply dividing items into piles to keep, toss or donate, establish more specific categories. For example, set out boxes labeled for things your friends might use, ones you will donate to a thrift shop or your local Buy Nothing group, and those you might try to sell.

Purge toxic materials

At the back of the garage, you may find old containers of finishes, pesticides and other nasties. If you don't plan to use them, get rid of them through your local household hazardous waste program. The Environmental Protection Agency has links for programs in each state, and the state webpages typically include a tool that allows you to search for a program near where you live. To get advice about where to recycle or dispose of specific items, search for "household hazardous waste" in or near your Zip code at *Earth911.com*. Or call 800-CLEANUP (800-253-2687).

Deal with ice

I know, it's summer; I'm talking about the ice in your freezer.

Cleaning and changing the filter on your ice maker helps ensure a steady supply of good-tasting ice and cold water. GE Appliances cleaning tips start with a warning to unplug the refrigerator before you begin. But if the plug is behind the refrigerator, don't try to roll it out; the weight might damage the flooring. Instead, switch off power at the circuit breaker. Clean the ice chute with water mixed with a little hand dishwashing soap, then wipe with clean water and dry. Use an old toothbrush or cotton swabs to clean crevices. For the glass cradle or pad, use soapy water or vinegar and water. If the dispenser tray has mineral deposits, soak it with undiluted vinegar until you can wipe them away, which might take a half-hour.

Changing the filter is easy once you know where it is and have a replacement. Often the filter is housed in a compartment at the top of the refrigerator section, but on some models it's at the bottom. Open the compartment door and pull or twist out the old filter, then install the new one. To find a replacement filter that fits, search online for the manual of your refrigerator model, or check the label on the old filter.

Dump out old ice and start fresh. Ice shrinks and tastes increasingly stale over time because of the evaporation from the frost-free technology on refrigerator freezers. Storing freshly made ice in sealed containers rather than in an open bin minimizes evaporation and keeps the ice tasting fresh. Cover food before you store it to minimize odor transfer to ice cubes.

Clip weeds

Letting weeds take over your yard isn't just unsightly, it violates the law in some communities, and tall, dry weeds left to form seeds become a fire hazard. Plus, all those seeds get carried by birds and the wind, leading to more weeds.

To remove weeds permanently — if that's even possible, given that weeds have adapted to growing without coddling — you can pull them out roots and all, burn them with a flame-throwing burner or spray them with an herbicide. For faster control without resorting to a burner or herbicide, mow or use a strong trimmer to cut the weeds close to the ground. Repeat as often as needed, or cover the mowed weeds with wood chips (often available from a local tree trimmer). Even better, cover the area with cardboard before you shovel on the chips, which will shade out the weed remnants and their seeds. Some hardy weeds may poke through, but you can pull them out relatively easily because the mulch layer keeps the soil damp.

Test outlets

Before you plug in that electric weed cutter or the rotisserie on your barbecue, take a few minutes to test the ground fault circuit interrupters on your outdoor electrical outlets, as well as those in the basement, garage, bathrooms and kitchen. To test a GFCI receptacle, plug a night light or other lamp into the outlet and switch on the light. Press the "test" button on the GFCI. If the GFCI is working correctly, the "reset" button should pop out and the light should go out. Press "reset" to restore power to the outlet.

If the reset button doesn't pop out, replace the GFCI. (Turn off the circuit breaker before you begin work, or call an electrician.) If the reset button pops out but the light stays on, the GFCI isn't properly wired. An electrician can fix it.

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RIGHT: This bright yellow ceiling instantly adds character and coziness to a kitchen with the typical white walls and cabinets. BELOW: Interior designer Hollie Velten-Lattrell used an antique hutch to break up the standard cabinetry.

How to turn a soulless and sterile kitchen into a warm and welcoming one

BY LAURA FENTON

For years, the "dream" kitchen has looked like nobody actually cooks in it — think pristine white cabinetry, vast expanses of stone countertops that seemingly never get dirty and antiseptic stainless steel appliances. In the name of renovating for resale, kitchens became austere and cold, stripped of personality and character. But change is brewing in the world of kitchen design, as cooking spaces get less, well, kitchen-y — and much more interesting.

Design writer Sophie Donelson, the author of the new book "Uncommon Kitchens," has deemed this trend the "unkitchen." When she started using the phrase in her talks and on social media, she says, "People really seized on the idea, they seemed to understand immediately what it meant — and they were invigorated by it. A lot of what the unkitchen idea promises is that there could be smaller updates, looseness — dare I say whimsy — involved in a room that has had a lot of the joy sucked out of it."

Donelson credits the desire for less kitchen-y cookeries to the British cottage kitchens by designers including Beata Heuman and Matilda Goad, which swept the design world a few years back. These kitchens were colorful, layered and playful; for example, Goad's cook space featured a backsplash of red and white glazed checkerboard tiles. And rather than hide her refrigerator, Heuman had hers tricked out to look like a Swedish armoire.

"Magazine readers, Instagram and Pinterest users, and design lovers saw these and it was almost as if they were experiencing the kitchen for the first time," says Donelson. "These British designers captured this sweetness and intimacy — a kind of collective memory about what a kitchen is like. These are rooms where life happens."

Hollie Velten-Lattrell, an interior designer in Maplewood, N.J., who is known for her colorful and unconventional kitchens, says that the pandemic may have also influenced the pivot away from renovated-for-Zillow white kitchens. "It really shook up our perception of self in relation to our home," she says. "Prior to covid, we just were so busy and rarely home; we related to our space differently." Velten-Lattrell says her clients realized that life is short and unpredictable, and as a result, designed their home for themselves, rather than resale.

The layered look of an unkitchen also "cleverly allows for cooking messes, collections and passions, and everyday life to unfold without detracting from the space," says Donelson. You don't have to keep these kitchens perfectly tidy to enjoy them.

Aiming for a looser, more lived-in kitchen style is also more sustainable because it often means working with what you've got instead of ripping everything out. And even if you're saddled with white cabinets, stone counters and stainless steel appliances, you can make small changes to give the space an unkitchen look. Here are tips from Donelson, Velten-Lattrell and others on how to get started.

Bring in saturated color

Color — on walls, trim, cabinetry or even the ceiling — is a surefire way to banish the boring kitchen vibes. Boston-based interior designer Cecilia Casagrande has had several projects with perfectly nice but boring kitchens. Instead of ripping them out, though, Casagrande uses color to wake them up, in one instance painting the ceiling a bright yellow and adding red bar stools. Or Velten-Lattrell suggests painting the molding or doors (or both!) a bright color for a fun accent.


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One of the easiest ways to bring life into a kitchen is by adding color. These kitchens use saturated colors, shelving and decor not typically used in kitchens, such as lamps, to make the space warm and inviting. As designer Frances Merrill says, "There's enough drudgery in the kitchen, there can be enjoyment, too."

Add some softness

Bold, colorful textiles are another way to add personality. Try some playful curtains, Casagrande says, which can add pattern and create a homier look. Or replace some lower cabinet doors with a fabric skirt to soften a kitchen's hard edges.

Make yourself smile

"There's enough drudgery in the kitchen, there can be enjoyment, too," says Frances Merrill, the principal designer behind Reath Design in Los Angeles. "Put something in there that signals leisure, like art," she says.

Ingrid Fetell Lee, the author of the book "Joyful," who teaches a class on designing a joyful home, says, "I always tell my students to ask yourself, 'How do I want my home to *feel*?'" She recently took her own advice, painting the cabinets bright green and papering the walls with a cheerful garden-like pattern to capture the feeling of being on summer vacation.

Rethink your backsplash

Replacing tiles is the kind of mini-makeover that gives a fresh look without major renovation. Donelson says that an eye-catching tile, such as color-blocked cement, can divert attention from ho-hum white cabinets. Or install a patterned tile all the way to the ceiling to create a wallpaper-like effect. For an even more budget-friendly option, Velten-Lattrell suggests removing the old tile and skim-coating the wall, then painting.

Replace built-ins with furniture

You can shake up a room full of matching, fitted cabinetry with a vintage piece of furniture. Velten-Lattrell suggests using an antique table or workbench at the center of a kitchen in lieu of an "overbuilt" island, a choice that also can yield significant cost savings. Or replace a smaller wall of built-in cabinets with a vintage hutch. If a room feels heavy, she says, substitute "a nice cupboard or antique casegood, which can be quite a striking workhorse," for some — or all — of the upper cabinets.

Pepper in antique accessories

If it is impractical to bring in antique furniture, accent your space with smaller vintage pieces. Swap a ceramic crock from a big-box retailer for a vintage vase, or pick up some art at an estate sale. The more unexpected your accessories the better; Goad uses a swan-shaped ceramic vessel as a fruit bowl, for example.

Try a little lamp

Normally relegated to the living room, a table lamp, especially one with an interesting shade, instantly makes a space feel less kitchen-y. "I love a table lamp in the kitchen," says Merrill. "A lamp on a counter sends a signal that this is not just a workspace but a place to enjoy spending time in." And if an outlet is not available where you want a lamp, Donelson suggests a rechargeable cordless model.

Swap out soulless hardware

You can give your cabinets character with a strategic switch of knobs and pulls. "New hardware makes a huge difference, especially if you do something really hand-touched like a warm aged-brass latch or knob," says Velten-Lattrell. For a less expensive option, she suggests oversized wood knobs, which make kitchen cabinets look more like furniture; you can leave wood knobs unfinished to contrast with the cabinet, or paint them for a monochromatic look.

Cultivate comfort

Aesthetics aside, Merrill says that physical comfort is another key to creating a kitchen that feels like home. "We find that our clients appreciate this approach to ensuring that the kitchen is inviting, comfortable and a place to spend real time," says Merrill, who says she's a big fan of a comfortable chair in a kitchen.

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Stop trying to flush your secrets — and other advice from plumbers

BY RACHEL KURZIUS

The toilet should only be a receptacle for bodily waste and toilet paper. That's it. Even less should go down a drain.

People's refusal to follow these simple rules makes finding all manner of objects in people's pipes routine for plumbers. "After so many years," says David Mizrahi, owner of Capitol Handyman and Plumbing in Washington, "I don't get surprised anymore."

Here are some of the most common situations that keep plumbers busy all day.

Your secrets

Just because you flush something down the toilet or toss it down the drain doesn't mean it's gone forever. In fact, it could very easily come back to haunt your plumbing — and you.

"We know more about people than they know about their own spouses and kids," says Shary Moxley, owner of Shary's Plumbing in Monrovia, Md. "Believe me, we've pulled stuff out that other people were not aware was in that house. … If it could be found, we find it."

Among the items people often try unsuccessfully to flush: Q-tips, dental floss and tampons. Also: condoms, underwear and other contraband that those doing the flushing presumably hope will disappear into the deep blue forever.

Mitch Smedley, owner of Smedley Plumbing in Blue Springs, Mo., once got a call from a woman who returned home after a few days away and found the toilet in the primary bathroom clogged. Smedley went there to auger the pipes and found that flushed condoms and feminine products were to blame. When the customer asked what had caused the blockage, he told her. "And her husband starts backing out of the room very slowly," says Smedley.

Moxley says her teams have uncovered marital infidelity "multiple times." Most often, it's because of evidence flushed down the toilet, but different-colored hair pulled from drains has also led to drama. "Everyone has their secrets," says Moxley. "If you want to keep yours, don't try to flush it down the toilet."

Hair

In the land of bathroom drains, the biggest villain is hair. Once the strands get tangled into the drain, they trap soaps, shampoos and gels, building up into a clog. Your best bet is to prevent the hair from going down there in the first place with a drain protector that you can empty into the trash after each shower or bath.

If your drain is already clogged with hair, there are easy ways to try to fix it. You can get a tool called a "hair snake" — a long plastic device with barbs coming out of it — at just about any hardware store. Wind it down the drain and, when you pull it back up, it should bring gunky clumps along with it.

When customers tell Smedley they've got a slow-draining tub, he advises them to take the stopper off the drain, then check to see if there's a knot of hair just beneath it. If the hair is visible, he tells them to stick a cotton swab into it and start twisting (he likens it to twirling a fork in spaghetti). It might take two or three swabs to get it all, but you'll save yourself a visit from the plumber.

The bathroom sink is also vulnerable. When it comes to double vanities, says Smedley, "it's usually the guy's sink that gets plugged up with a whole bunch of sludge," which he attributes to shaving cream and hair. The best way to avoid those clogs is to close the sink drain during a shave, then wipe up the refuse and throw it in the trash.

Drano (in excess)

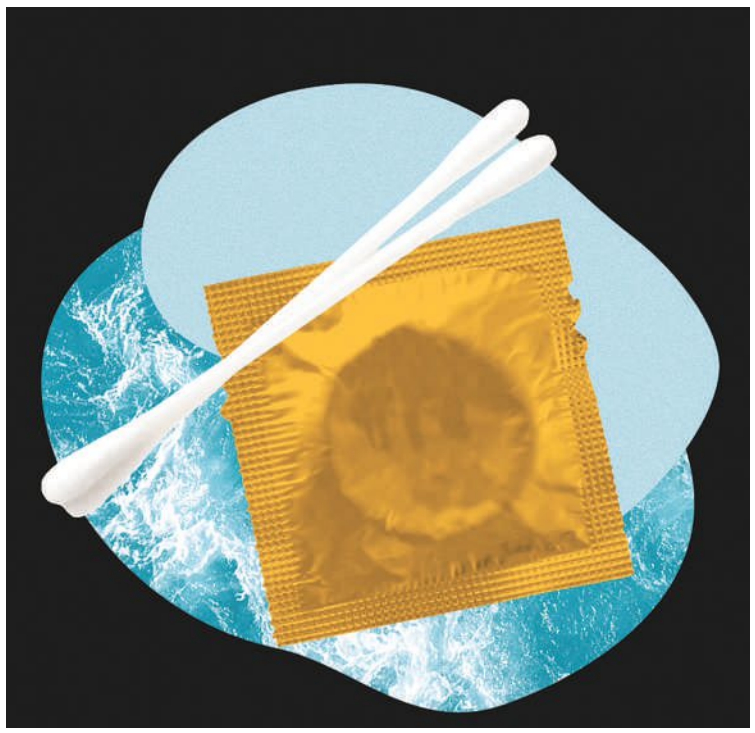
Some DIY solutions, though, can be quite problematic. Chemical drain cleaners such as Drano can work as a short-term fix for getting rid of a clog, but because they're so corrosive they might cause leaks in the joints of pipes or other long-term damage. If you use one of these products and still need to call a plumber be sure to warn them: The liquid could still be in the plumbing line and lead to chemical burns on a worker's hands, arms or face.

Plumbers also advise against toilet tablets with chlorine or bleach as their active ingredient. These tablets, which often turn your toilet water blue, clean the porcelain and get rid of stains. But the chemicals can erode your toilet's rubber seal and other inner workings. Some toilet manufacturers even void warranties if you use in-tank toilet cleaners.

'Flushable' wipes

One concern has floated to the top of the tank for plumbers over the past few years: "flushable wipes." Turns out, they're not so flushable. "They don't dissolve like toilet paper does," says Doug Wyman, owner of Wyman Plumbing and Mechanical in Phoenix. "They get caught up in the drain going down to the main city sewer and they cause a lot of problems."







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The issue is especially pronounced in septic systems and older pipes.

"We tell our customers not to use them," he says. "And if you do enjoy using them, then I wouldn't put them in the toilet." Dispose of them in a lidded trash can instead.

Most food

If your kitchen sink has a garbage disposal, you're probably sending all kinds of food down the drain after each meal. But the name "garbage disposal" is deeply misleading, says Mizrahi. To ensure your disposal lasts, you should scrape leftover food into your garbage can or compost bin. He recommends a sink strainer to protect the drain from smaller pieces that come off dishes as you wash them. Really, he says, you should think of the disposal as a fail-safe for the stuff that accidentally gets down there, not as a first resort.

And there are certain types of food you should try extra hard to keep out of the drain. Some of the biggest no-nos are fats, oils and grease; bones; stringy foods such as celery, onion skins, meats and anything else that can wrap around garbage disposal blades; and foods that expand, such as rice. Moxley says she doesn't intentionally put anything in her own disposal other than juiced lemons, baking soda and vinegar to keep it fresh.

When food does wind up in your kitchen sink, plumbers advise running more water than you probably think you need. Try to introduce water into your disposal's chamber before it fills with any waste, says Smedley, and "make sure that there's copious amounts of water going down as you're grinding the food."

Deodorant caps, towels, toys — just close the lid!

According to plumbers, people knock all sorts of random stuff into the toilet by accident — then try to flush. "Probably the most common is the cap of a stick of deodorant," says Smedley. "As gross as it may sound, glove up and do what you have to do. … Because if you're wondering if it could flush, it's about to get really expensive."

You can prevent the whole fishing expedition by keeping the toilet lid closed. (As a bonus, this will also prevent germs from blasting into the rest of your bathroom.) If you have young children, consider toddler-proofing the lid. Another perennial find? Small toys flushed by kids. "That happens quite often," says Smedley.

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Want to make your windows bigger? Here's what it takes.

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BY TROY MCMULLEN

The nature preserve that abuts my weekend cottage in Litchfield, Conn., stretches 110 acres. Its grasslands and dense hardwoods serve as a sanctuary for migratory songbirds. Yet I could see almost none of this vast landscape from inside the home when I bought it three years ago.

The 600-square-foot house was built in 1920 — decades before the preserve existed — so none of its larger windows were oriented toward it. My desire for a better view fueled my first major renovation to the property: adding two large picture windows.

This wasn't a simple window replacement, though. Contractors cut new openings in the walls of my living room and bedroom where no windows existed before, then framed and installed panes of glass that were several feet long.

The results have been gratifying — the large windows not only brought the outdoors in, they flooded the small layout with natural light. Their black trim and casings gave the cottage the modernist look I was after.

According to Steve Schappert, a real estate broker in the area, they also upped my property value: "No one likes staring at a brick wall," he told me. "Anything you can do to bring in more natural light will appeal to buyers."

If you're considering adding bigger windows to your home — whether by enlarging existing openings or, like me, creating entirely new ones — here are a few

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The 110-acre Hauser Nature Preserve in Litchfield, Conn., above, neighbors Troy McMullen's cottage. The home was built first, though, so there were no windows that looked out at the preserve.

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things to consider.

Getting started

First, you'll want to consult a licensed contractor to determine what's possible inside your home and what's allowed by local building codes.

Unlike simply replacing your windows with new versions of the same size, adding larger panes of glass will potentially require cutting into structural beams and walls. This is probably not a DIY project, but if you're considering going that route, you should consult a professional before you proceed.

"These can be complicated projects that can impact the strength and integrity of your home," says Schappert, who spent 35 years as a home builder and renovator before starting his real estate business.

Rules vary from one jurisdiction to the next, but you may also need to get a building permit. That wasn't required in Litchfield, though I did have to ensure that my new windows were made of impact-resistant glass and complied with other state codes.

Enlarging windows vs. cutting out new ones

Determining whether you should enlarge an existing window or add an entirely new one depends on personal preference and what's structurally possible. (Given the myriad variables in a project like this, one option isn't necessarily reliably cheaper than the other.)

Creating new windows — which contractors call "cut outs" — will require removing larger portions of wall. But both options involve cutting into the interior wall and removing insulation and studs. Outside, brick, vinyl or other exterior siding material gets cut away, too.

With a window enlargement, your contractor will cut into the surrounding frame of the existing opening. The header, sill or studs may need to be replaced to accommodate the new framing. Whether resizing an old window or creating a new one, doing so on a load-bearing wall will add another level of complexity: "If done improperly, it can compromise the structural integrity of the home," says Schappert.

My project took about three days. I opted for cut outs because the wall in my living room that faces the nature preserve didn't have any windows. The bedroom wall had a tiny one in the corner, which was removed so the new window could be centered.

I wanted the glass of each window to be large enough to make a design statement while still leaving enough room for the header — the beam that disperses the structural load above the window. While constructing the new framing, workers also had to add support to hold up the weight of my roof.

Once the new windows were in place, the crew secured them against leaks on both the interior and exterior sides by adding window flash and sealant.



PHOTOS BY RANDY JONES

The author had a 6-by-4-foot picture window installed in the bedroom (above) and a 4-by-5-foot picture window put in the living room (below) to provide views of the nearby nature preserve.



"It's better to evaluate the relationship of the window with the overall architecture of the home."

Erik Ajemian, an architect in New York and Virginia

Size, style and location

You may think you want a huge expanse of glass on a particular wall in a particular room, but consulting a professional could change your mind.

Before you get the saw out, says Erik Ajemian, an architect in New York and Virginia, consider what type of sun exposure the new window will get. "A north-facing window is one of the best ways to get an indirect, but brilliant glow," he says. "It allows for a more subtle exposure to sunlight without the direct glare you get with south-facing windows, which can overheat a room on warm days."

While there's generally no limit to how big a new window can be — as long as there are no structural constraints — Ajemian advises homeowners to keep scale in mind when settling on size. "It's better to evaluate the relationship of the window with the overall architecture of the home," he says, so that the window is not out of whack with the wall space. Also pay close attention to the style of your home when choosing the new windows: "You want to stay true to the architectural integrity," Ajemian says. "Whether it's a bay window or an awning or anything custom, keeping the overall architecture in mind is the most reliable way to improve the look of the project."

Maryland interior designer Lorna Gross encourages homeowners to focus on how they plan to use the space that's getting the new window. For instance, picture windows like mine offer the most uninterrupted expanse of glass, but they don't open — meaning they're not the best choice for every spot in a home. "Picture windows will offer added sun exposure," Gross says, "but when the weather gets warmer you may regret [them]."

What it costs

In the end, my new windows came out exactly as I had hoped, and the total cost for the project, including materials and labor, amounted to roughly $5,000. I had a 6-by-4-foot picture window installed in the bedroom and a 4-by-5-foot picture window put in the living room. The total price for just the windows was about $1,500.

However, costs can vary widely across the multitude of options on the market. My windows came from the Andersen 400 Series, which I chose because of the clean, contemporary look; their interior frames are made of pine. Vinyl-framed windows are generally the most economical, while frames made of wood or fiberglass will probably add to your bill. Inoperable picture windows are also typically less expensive than ones that open and close — and sliders are usually cheaper than casement windows, which push outward to open.

Given all these choices, when I was window shopping, I skipped online outlets in favor of visiting a dealer in person to learn as much as I could. It really helped to see the windows in real life before making my decision.

And that decision added an amenity I never considered when I purchased the property: views of ground-nesting birds such as bobolinks and colorful species like yellow warblers, all from the comfort of my cottage.

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It's always good to plan before you build anything. For a treehouse, find out whether it's covered under your home insurance.

There's something magical about treehouses. Perched amid the greenery, seemingly closer to the sky than the ground, these epicenters of endless adventures inspire whimsical visions in the young and the young at heart. Constructing one of the branchy bungalows is an exercise in pragmatism, requiring thoughtful planning, sturdy design and careful building. Don't worry, though. They're easier to build than you might think.

"If somebody can build a deck and a shed, they can probably build a treehouse," says Dan Wright, founder of Tree Top Builders in Exton, Pa., a boutique treehouse construction firm.

Here are tips from three pros to help you get your treehouse-building plans off the ground.

Check the regulations

If your neighborhood has a homeowners association, look at the bylaws, which may dictate the maximum square footage of the treehouse, its placement on the property and its height from the ground. You may also need to obtain permission from the township, city or county you reside in, so consult the department with jurisdiction over issuing building permits for your property. "The biggest thing is talking to your neighbors," says Conner Drummond, director of operations of Backyard Playground in Richmond, which has built more than 4,000 customized treehouses. "Just be courteous and make them aware it's going in."

Choose your tree

You're looking for a healthy tree without mold or other damage, and it should be at least a foot in diameter at chest level, according to Wright. But it can't be too big, Drummond says, because if the tree is three or four feet in diameter, any deck built around it will be massive. "And we like the tree to be straight," Drummond adds. "If it's got a huge curve, it's going to take up a lot of deck space, reduce a lot of room up top, and make it all a little bit more challenging."

Create a budget and design

The average backyard treehouse will cost between $2,000 and $10,000 to build, depending on its size and the complexity of its design, according to Wright. "That includes all the materials and the beer you're going to have to buy your friends to help you," he says. Christopher Richter, co-author of "How to Build a Treehouse," suggests sketching a design, either by hand or in a 3D drawing app, so you know exactly what materials you need and have a firm plan for your workflow.

Also keep safety in mind when planning the treehouse. If it's designed for children, it shouldn't be more than 6 to 10 feet from the ground and the deck should have a sturdy slatted railing surrounding it to prevent falls. Depending on your insurance provider and homeowner's policy, a treehouse may or may not be covered, so call your carrier before you start building to ask how your policy might address it.

Assemble your tool kit

To build a treehouse from just wood, Richter recommends having a cordless drill, handheld circular saw, hammer, measuring tape and pencil on hand. If you're working with metal or plastic as well, perhaps for the roof or a slide, Wright suggests adding further specialized cutting equipment to your arsenal, such as angle grinders, band saws and jigsaws. You will also need a ladder, and a climbing harness can help ensure your safety when doing work high up in the tree.

Use the right wood

"We almost always use pressure-treated pine," says Drummond. "It's cheap, widely available, extremely strong and lasts a long, long time." Other options include cedar, cypress and redwood, which are naturally rot resistant, but more expensive. No matter which wood you use for the exterior, Drummond recommends periodically applying stain or sealant to keep it looking fresh, protect it from mildew and reduce UV damage.

Build a support system

Stilt-like supports are the simplest method for supporting a treehouse. Drummond says to be careful when digging the holes to set them in concrete, to avoid damaging the tree's root system and degrading the health of the tree. Alternately, treehouse attachment bolts (referred to as TABs by the pros) are drilled into the tree to create artificial limbs to build on. These bolts are often complemented by steel cabling hung from the tree and connected to load-bearing beams in the platform of the treehouse. Richter recommends putting as few holes in the tree as possible, because even small ones made by nails create points where mold and other diseases can infect the tree.

Roof rules

For most of the treehouse roofs he constructs, Drummond relies on overlapping wood boards supported by strong rafters. This sturdy building technique is designed to withstand falling branches and battering from the elements. If shingles are a part of the roof design, he says, remember that they weigh more than wood; take the additional poundage into account when designing the support system for the treehouse. Also, don't build your roof around the tree, no matter how whimsical you think it looks. "Sealing the ceiling becomes impossible," says Richter. "It will leak, there will be airflow around it, and insects will be crawling up and down the trunk."

Plan entrances and exits

"I recommend as many ingress and egress points as possible," says Wright. "Kids like to go up and down in different ways." There are many possibilities: sloping ship's ladders, slides, rock walls, cargo nets, fireman's poles, spiral staircases, ziplines and ramps. If you install a rope ladder, Wright recommends staking it to the ground, because if a hanging ladder gets snagged while being raised, it can pull an unprepared child over the edge.

Accessorize it

The sky is the limit when it comes to decorating. Add a wooden ship's wheel and a bird cage with a parrot doll perched inside to create a pirate ship. Attach a few futuristic looking dials and gauges to the walls for a time machine. Other fun design flourishes include skylights, portholes, a trapdoor or concealed cubbies for hiding treasures. "My favorite addition is a rope bridge out to another platform," says Wright "An overlook, a crow's nest you build higher in the tree or a little perch that doesn't have a roof on it."

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

1925 manor is a landmark in Cleveland Park

BY SOPHIA SOLANO



PHOTOS BY SEAN SHANAHAN



$4,995,000

2323 Porter St. NW, Washington, D.C.

Bedrooms/bathrooms: 6/8

Approximate square footage: 6,725

Lot size: 1.59 acres

Features: The 1925 Tudor Revival-style house has coffered ceilings, original chestnut woodwork and several fireplaces. The third-floor and lower levels were finished in 1991, and a 2013 addition included a first-floor family room and screened porch. The property has parking for five cars, including a two-car garage.

Listing agent: Nancy Taylor Bubes, Washington Fine Properties

TOP: The family room at Pine Crest Manor in D.C. leads to a screened porch. LEFT: The main level has a dining nook.

Lydia Marshall "thought all hope was lost" when she arrived in 1991 at the auction of this house in D.C.'s Cleveland Park neighborhood and saw 26 other potential buyers.

"I thought, 'Oh my goodness, there's this house on 1.6 acres. How is this possible in the middle of the District?'" she recalled recently. "But it turned out that there were only three bids. One dropped out early. One dropped out at our ceiling. We decided to pay $10,000 more, and we got the house."

Pine Crest Manor, built in 1925, was spared a subdivision in 1988 that would have packed seven more houses on its grounds. The deal was so close to completion that a sign on Porter Street NW announced that new houses were coming soon, according to an article in The Washington Post.

Neighbors, already lamenting the recent loss of an 1823 outbuilding, rallied to defend Pine Crest and three other old houses from further affronts. One of them was once owned by Joshua Pierce, a prominent 19th-century horticulturalist who supplied ornamental plantings to the White House.

The Cleveland Park Historical Society, the D.C. Preservation League and a neighborhood resident applied to have the houses declared historically significant. The D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board approved the application and the subdivision plan was dropped.

When Marshall bought Pine Crest Manor three years later, the house was uninhabited and overgrown. (Back in 1988, neighborhood residents reported sightings of foxes, deer, raccoons and a monkey presumed to have escaped from the nearby National Zoo.) She orchestrated a major renovation before moving in.

"When we found it, the woodwork was covered with a reddish purple layer of paint," Marshall said. "Quite unattractive. When we had all that stripped off, it turned out the woodwork was chestnut."

A light finish was applied to the exposed wood in many first-floor rooms. She installed coffered ceilings, replaced the plumbing and the electrical system, matched the hardwood floors to the restored woodwork, and finished the attic and basement. Perennial gardens were added, and Marshall estimated that she had 200 to 250 trees planted during her three-decade residence.

Another renovation, 10 years ago, expanded the first floor to add a family room, a screened porch and an elevator that connects all of the house's four levels.

"Whereas the original structure, like most older houses, was fairly vertical in its design, the new structure has a more horizontal feel or open feel," Marshall said.

The Tudor-Revival style house has four levels, with three stories, including the finished attic, above the finished lower level.

Flanked by climbing hydrangea, the front door opens to the first floor with its original chestnut woodwork and custom millwork.

An atrium with floor-to-ceiling windows looks out on the side and rear yards. The main kitchen is next to the dining room, which has a coffered ceiling. The family room has a gas fireplace with a marble mantel, and sliding glass doors there lead to a screened porch and a patio. The living room has a six-foot stone fireplace, and an office nearby has custom built-in shelving and a barrel ceiling. This floor also has a powder room and a full bathroom.

On the second floor, the primary bedroom suite has a sitting room separated from the bedroom by a retractable television stand, which allows viewing from either side. Opaque sliding-glass doors lead to an en suite bathroom with a tub, a steam shower, a vanity and a porcelain floor. The primary suite also has a walk-in dressing room and an outdoor terrace. This level has three more bedrooms and two more bathrooms.

On the third floor, another bedroom suite has a deck, a full bathroom and several closets. The lower level has a powder room and laundry, along with a guest suite that has a private entrance, another kitchen, a family room and a full bathroom.

The property has a backyard and a two-car garage, plus parking for three more cars.

BUYING NEW

39 single-family houses planned in Ellicott City development

Patapsco Crossing

8504 Sunell Lane, Ellicott City, Md.
Builder: Miller and Smith
Type of house: Single family
Prcies: Starting at $949,990
Number of units: 39 (15 sold, 3 available; last section of development underway)
Bedrooms: 4 to 6
Bathrooms: 3 to 6
Square footage: 3,800 to 5,000
HOA fees: $184 a month
Property website: *millerandsmith.com*
Sales: *segan@millerandsmith.com*



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Some of the 39 single-family houses planned at Patapsco Crossing. The lower-level recreation room in the model home. A view of the dining room. The primary bedroom suite in the decorated model home has an optional tray ceiling.

Features

Patapsco Crossing is a 24-acre development of 39 single-family houses near downtown Ellicott City, Md. The development has 13 acres of open space, including designated forest-conservation land. The floor plans, the Bradburne and the Bradburne Multi-Gen, both have two stories above a finished basement.

A first-floor multigenerational bedroom suite, standard in the Bradburne Multi-Gen, is popular with extended-family households, said Stephanie Egan, a Miller and Smith sales manager. The Multi-Gen suite, she said, "is perfect for families with aging parents and kids living with them." A first-floor bedroom, with adjoining full bathroom, is an optional upgrade in the Bradburne.

The houses have a concrete porch and vinyl and brick or vinyl and masonry siding. The Bradburne has a two-car garage. The Bradburne Multi-Gen has two garages, with room for three cars. There are nine-foot-high ceilings on all levels, engineered hardwood floors on most of the first floor and oak stairs between the first and second floors.

The decorated model home, with the Multi-Gen design, has some standard features and some optional upgrades, including engineered hardwood floors in the loft and the primary bedroom suite.

The Multi-Gen standard first floor has an entry foyer from the porch, a family foyer from the garage, a dining room, a kitchen, an entertainment room and a powder room, as well as the bedroom suite off the entry foyer. The Bradburne has a powder room and study off the foyer that can be upgraded to a bedroom with a closet and adjoining full bathroom. Optional upgrades in the decorated model home include a butler's pantry next to the dining room, a gas fireplace in the entertainment room, a screened porch and a deck accessed through sliding-glass doors in the kitchen.

Four bedrooms, a loft area, a hall bathroom and a laundry room are standard on the second floor. The laundry room has a tile floor and hookups for a washer and a dryer. The decorated model home has Samsung appliances and an optional sink and optional cabinets.

The primary bedroom suite in the decorated model home has an optional tray ceiling, exposed beams and a sliding "barn door" to the bathroom. The suite can have one or two walk-in closets. A variation of the floor plan connects one of the closets to another bedroom. The Bradburne primary bedroom suite has one walk-in closet.

A recreation room is standard on the lower level. A bedroom, a full bathroom and walkout access to the yard are options. In the decorated model home, the basement bedroom is furnished as a craft room and the space behind the staircase as an exercise area.

Miller and Smith offers a variety of choices for flooring, cabinets, counters and tile. Kohler fixtures and stainless-steel Samsung appliances are standard.

Kitchen

The kitchen in the decorated model home is near the garage, and its extended island is standard. The kitchen in a differ-

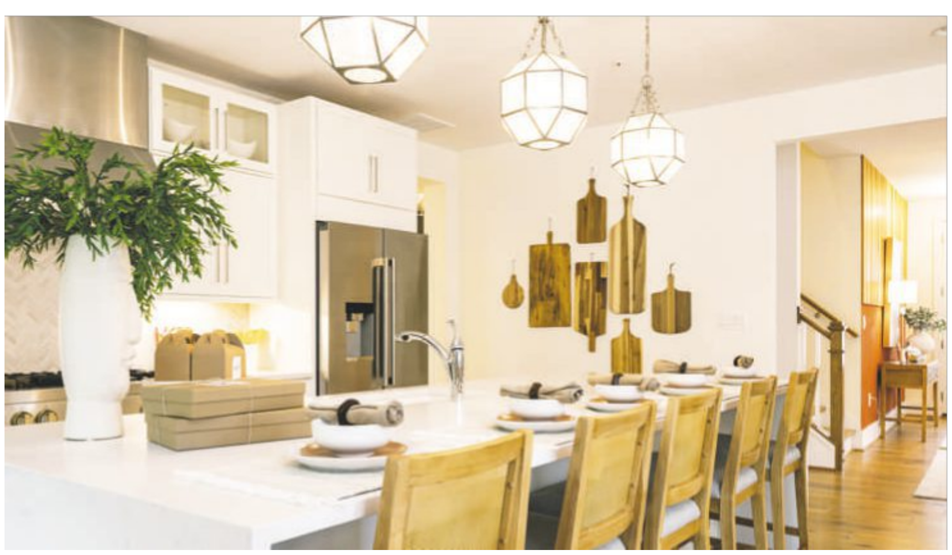
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ELLICOTT CITY, MD-MAY 2: Screened-In Porch in the Bradburne Multi-Gen model home at Patapsco Crossing on May 2, 2023 in Ellicott City Maryland. (Photo by Benjamin C Tankersley/For The Washington Post)

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ent layout is next to the dining room, and the larger island is an upgrade. The island in the model home has an upgraded Kohler Smart Divide sink in white cast iron, and the kitchen has upgraded JennAir appliances.

Granite countertops are standard. The decorated model home has white quartz countertops and a gray herringbone tile backsplash. The waterfall edge on the island in the model home is an upgrade. The standard maple cabinets come in various finishes. The model home has upgraded white cabinets with some glass fronts.

Bathrooms

A powder room on the first floor and two full bathrooms on the second floor are standard. The Bradburne Multi-Gen has an additional full bathroom in the first-floor bedroom suite. The powder room in the Bradburne can be upgraded to a full bathroom when the optional bedroom is added.

The Bradburne has an optional third bath on the second floor, connected to one or two bedrooms. Two more bathrooms can be added to the Bradburne Multi-Gen.

The bathroom in the decorated model home's first-floor bedroom suite has chrome fixtures, a shower, marble-look tile on the floor and in the shower, and a gray single-sink vanity with a white quartz countertop.

The primary en suite bathroom in the model home has an optional spa bath layout, including a double-sink vanity, a soaker tub and a walk-in shower with a bench. There is marble-look tile on the bathroom floor, around the tub and the shower, and inside the shower. The gray vanity has chrome faucets set in a white quartz. countertop.

Recreation, shops and restaurants

Patapsco Crossing has 13 acres of dedicated green space. The community is next to Patapsco Valley State Park, Maryland's largest state park. A park entrance with parking is a mile away.

Ellicott City's historic Main Street, less than three miles away, has boutique shops and restaurants. Route 40, about two miles away, has shops, restaurants and grocery stores.

Schools

Elementary: Hollifield Station Elementary School
Middle: Patapsco Middle School
High: Mount Hebron High School

Transportation

Patapsco Crossing, in Howard County, is less than a mile from I-70, less than five miles from the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) and close to Route 32 and I-95.

What sets it apart

"The Multi-Gen suite is the wow factor." Egan said, because it offers a private space for family members and guests. She said these suites are particularly popular with for grandparents who help with child care or travel extensively and like having a convenient home base.

— Benjamin C Tankersley



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How to babyproof your relationship

It's crucial to remember that you are on the same team when the stress hits home

BY KATHERINE REYNOLDS LEWIS

The first few months of parenting hit hard for Easar Forghany and Melody Kim. Their baby, Cora, cried for hours as they took turns soothing her. "We were losing our minds. The first three months was really tough on our relationship and my own sanity," Forghany said. ¶ They walked around in a daze from sleep deprivation. Any little thing could spark an argument. Forghany was anxious and quick to anger, whereas Kim felt more comfortable trying new things. ¶ "Most of the fights or disagreements we had were about something I thought could happen that probably had a lower likelihood of happening," Forghany said.

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By the time Cora was 7 or 8 months old, they had worked out a new normal. When Forghany snapped in frustration, Kim reminded him to relax and that no tough moment lasts forever. He would cool his anger and reflect on the big picture. They also made a point to get couple's time away from Cora and to see friends, an important priority for Kim, who needs the energy and variety of socializing. Looking back, Forghany wishes they had brought up these issues sooner.

This experience is typical, said Gina Senarighi, the Madison, Wis.-based author of "Love More, Fight Less."

"We often enter into parenthood from a really sure-footed place, so we're feeling like we can do anything. We're oblivious to the things that are about to change," Senarighi said. "The strongest couples are often the least likely to get help, and they end up regretting it later."

When preparing for your first child, experts recommend a pre-baby tune-up for your relationship before you're in the midst of sleep deprivation, hormones and identity changes. Taking a few key steps now can avoid major issues later.



Talk about values and dreams

The first step is to unearth your hidden expectations about parenthood, each other, extended family, traditions and values. Get specific about building a family together and what excites you. "Be in that dreamy, visioning head space. It can be a powerful way for a couple to connect," Senarighi said.

Maybe you always imagined rocking your child to sleep or taking them to the beach. Perhaps it's celebrating the first birthday party with all the grandparents. When you and your partner share these touchstones, you can make a joint commitment to the most important elements for each of you.

"Disappointment and adjustment is a big part of the first year," Senarighi said. "A lot of things may fall by the wayside, but if we know a couple of our key visions, we're going to work hard to make them come true."

These pre-baby discussions may reveal that one of you always assumed you would move to the suburbs after having kids or would invite grandparents over for every Sunday dinner. It's so much better to talk through these decisions ahead of time.

"When baby comes, through no fault of their own, [parents] are going to go into stress mode," said Lina Acosta Sandaal, a Miami-based psychotherapist and owner of Stop Parenting Alone. "They're going to default to what was done to them. That's what the brain does, uses past experience to make sense of the present."

Discuss everything, including religion, education and discipline, or family dinners and how you envision spending the weekends. Heterosexual couples should be sure to talk about gender roles and their expectations.

"My husband reverted back to the traditional roles that he saw when he was growing up. The baby was the catalyst for that," said Jancee Dunn, the Madison, N.J.-based author of "How to Not Hate Your Husband After Kids" and a New York Times columnist. "As much as you can front-load these sorts of discussions, the better, because when you're in it, you're deranged from lack of sleep."

Learn how to fight

You may discover that you need to make changes in how you communicate and resolve conflict. Before having a baby, you may have let things slide, like leaving dirty socks on the floor or going out to dinner when you would rather stay home.

"If you are about to have kids and you don't have practice resolving things, you're probably avoiding things," Senarighi said. "Healthy couples have healthy conflict. They don't have no conflict."

That begins with learning to identify when you're overstimulated or getting triggered, and finding the strategies to calm down. You may find that your partner knows your tells better than you do. When Senarighi's husband says, "I've got this," it's a signal that he notices her becoming irritated, and she should just remove herself while he resolves an issue.

"Figuring out how to do that is really important. Kids trigger us in ways we can't always anticipate," she said, noting that learning emotional regulation lets you model it for your child.

During a tense moment or conflict, a small criticism can escalate, so it's important to wait until you're both calm to discuss points of disagreement. "When emotions are high, cognition is low," said Eve Rodsky, a Los Angeles-based activist, an attorney and the author of "Fair Play." "Feedback in the moment is toxic."

When Dunn's daughter was a baby, she and her husband had bitter fights about who deserved to sleep in more on the weekend, or whose turn it was to empty the diaper pail. "I would get petty about that stuff: 'I'm with her more than you, you change it!'" she recalled.

That bad energy and blame erodes relationships. Dunn said a couples counselor taught her and her husband to hold hands during a heated discussion. The tactile feeling of your partner's hands and the eye contact keep you connected even while you're in conflict.

It's also important to proactively build the relationship. Write down 10 things you appreciate that your partner did for you or to support you, being as specific as possible. Then, read that list aloud. "You have to make a practice of noticing that stuff, because it's so easy to have that negative confirmation bias that my partner isn't helping," Dunn said.

Divide labor fairly, for real

One of the most common points of conflict is who does what around the house. Often, couples fall into patterns based on gender roles or how your family of origin handled things. Even LGBTQIA couples can default into unequal distribution of labor based on something arbitrary, like who earns more, Senarighi said. A pre-baby tune-up gives you an opportunity to ask whether it's fair for you to manage the calendar while your partner maintains the car.

Typically, one partner has become the "household manager" who keeps track of responsibilities and upcoming needs, the mental load that has broken many relationships post-baby. Rodsky's "Fair Play" system rejects this as unfair. Instead, each person claims a task, from conception through planning and execution, with an agreed-upon minimum standards of care. That avoids nagging or criticism for not doing it the "right way."

"Both of you are imperfect humans. . . . Have some patience and flexibility," Senarighi said. If someone drops the same ball more than once or twice, it's their responsibility to apologize, make amends and come up with a plan to avoid that misstep in the future.

Each person should also set boundaries around their free time — and honor their partner's boundaries. Finally, commit to regular communication and check-ins about how the system is going. "We have a lot of unlearning to do," Rodsky said.

In addition to the non-home-oriented partner (typically male) taking full responsibility for household tasks, the over-functioning partner needs to accept that their way isn't the only way to do things, known as (typically maternal) gatekeeping.

Gather your community

Finally: Line up support for the first few months of new parenthood. Put together a meal train and streamline the house so it's easy for anyone to find items for cleaning, cooking or baby care, recommended Yolanda Williams, a parenting coach in Sherwood, Ark. Consider hiring a housekeeper or night doula, or enlisting family and friends. If you hate to cook but love having children around, swap with a friend who loves cooking but needs a break from her child's incessant questions.

"We always forget how important community is to raising children," Williams said. "We have been shut off from it and indoctrinated into believing that the nuclear family is the optimal family structure."

Sandaal recommends designating at least one friend or family member who's regularly going to help with baby care, so you can have a break. "A lot of us in stress mode hide, we isolate and avoid," she said. "Ask people to help you ahead of time. Those people will keep you from isolating."



Plan time with your partner to connect, even if it's just a walk in the park or an evening on the couch watching your favorite show, while Grandma puts the baby to sleep. "Put it in the calendar," Sandaal said. "You're not going to want to do it, because you're going to be so depleted by the baby care. It has to be a daily choice. What you're avoiding is the deterioration of your relationship."

Ultimately, parenthood transforms you as an individual and your relationship, but with planning and communication, you can build an even stronger bond with your partner.

"Maintaining the partnership and teamwork as parents is more important than what mattress you're going to buy," Sandaal said. "You're not going to be the same person you were before this baby changed your life. You can't go back; it's about going forward."

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ON PARENTING

A son's friend is frosty toward the parents. Do they ignore this?

BY MEGHAN LEAHY

Q: My middle school son's friends are friendly and polite, but over the past year, one friend has gotten frosty toward us (he is fine with our son). He doesn't acknowledge us when we say hi or say thank you for rides. At first it made our son uncomfortable on our behalf. Now he gets defensive and annoyed at us for noticing it. Do we try to ignore this friend's behavior? (It might be that I'm worried our son is starting to act like this friend.)

A: Middle-schoolers can become surly for all kinds of reasons, most of which we will never fully understand. Growing up, no matter how disenchanted and out of control I was becoming, I was never rude to another parent. I was raised to "respect my elders," and while that can appear to be the gold standard, I'm not so sure anymore. Of course, basic manners are lovely, but there is something to be said for not pretending.

In any case, we don't know why this child has become frosty to you. Are you annoying? I am asking this with lots of love, but do you pry or try to act too cool or ask provocative questions? Even if you do all of that, no one should be rude to you, but it might explain some of the frostiness.

But I am betting that this friend's rudeness has absolutely nothing to do with you. It is clear your son knows this is odd or out of line. As best as you can, separate the behavior from this boy. Because you don't know (or don't mention) any aspect of his personal life, there are a whole host of reasons that he may have become more withdrawn. As you note, he isn't actually rude to your face as much as he has become quiet. So let's extend some love to this young man.

To begin, don't take the silence personally. When he enters the car, give him a smile or a nod or simply, "Nice to see you, Will" and keep it moving. You don't need to make it awkward or expect anything back; you're the adult. He isn't your equal, so let's not treat him like one.

Next, take the kids for pizza or ice cream and just observe the dynamics. Is your son getting rude or surly? Or is he still the young man you know? Worrying about the influence of others is totally reasonable and shouldn't be ignored, but you need to check your worry against reality.

The best defense against a tween or young teen over-identifying with their peers is a close relationship with you. And, by the way, it is completely typical for a middle-schooler to start trying on many different personalities, and it can feel all a bit unpredictable. That doesn't strictly mean he's being like his friend. It's a time of great change, so don't read into it too much unless you see drastic differences in your son's behavior, connection with you, school performance or other friendships, for example.

Finally, rather than seeing yourself as the behavior police, see yourself as a loving force in this boy's life. Say to your son, "Will has become quiet, and that's okay with us. If there's anything he ever needs or needs a place to feel safe, our doors are open." By communicating that this friend doesn't need to make you happy and your willingness to be open to his challenges, you are demonstrating important family values (caring for others) and showing your son what having a village looks and feels like.

As for reading, I like "Building Boys" by Jennifer Fink and "Decoding Boys" by Cara Natterson. Both books will break down development and help you understand how young men process their emotional needs in our culture. Good luck.

Also at washingtonpost.com
Read the transcript of a recent live Q&A with Leahy at *live.washingtonpost.com*, where you can also find past columns.

Send parenting questions to Leahy at *onparenting@washpost.com*.

Home Sales

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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NORTHEAST

Alden Pl., 3346, $550,000.
Bladensburg Rd., 1028, No. 12, $297,000.
Bryant St., 1308, No. 2, $284,800.
Clay Pl., 3322, $380,000.
D St., 1714, $889,000.
E St., 645, $1.01 million.
Eads St., 5501, $440,000.
Eckington Pl., 1625, No. PH310, $449,900.
Evarts St., 400, No. 205, $325,000.
Fort Lincoln Dr., 3143, $865,000.
H St., 1945, $599,000.
Hunt Pl., 4620, $310,000.
K St., 413, $790,000.
L St., 1719, $552,000.
Lyman Pl., 1621, $460,000.
Maryland Ave., 1212, $875,000.
Minnesota Ave., 3809, $310,000.
Oklahoma Ave., 420, No. 103, $255,000.
Regent Pl., 547, $1.05 million.
Summit Pl., 1933, $707,500.
Trinidad Ave., 1668, No. 2, $340,000.
Vista St., 2902, $500,000.
Second St., 333, No. 205, $241,500.
Fourth St., 2632, $649,000.
Eighth St., 1010, No. 2, $1.12 million.
10th St., 313, $1.27 million.
11th St., 5218, $640,000.
12th St., 4306, $600,000.
17th Pl., 1016, No. 301, $324,000.
18th St., 316, $938,000.
20th St., 4309, $890,000.
35th St., 221, $650,000.
55th St., 205, $365,000.

NORTHWEST

9 1/2 St., 1999, No. 405, $267,800.
Bates St., 29, $900,000.
Belmont Rd., 2040, No. 605, $460,290.
Brandywine St., 2819, $2.94 million.
Buchanan St., 1140, $945,000.
Cameron Dr., 6803, No. 109, $249,400.
Cathedral Ave., 4201, No. 218E, $227,000.
Champlain St., 2360, No. B2, $477,500.
Columbia Rd., 1954, No. 205, $317,900.
Connecticut Ave., 3701, No. 136, $350,000.
Connecticut Ave., 4740, No. 904, $315,000.
Crittenden St., 1205, $1.2 million.
Decatur St., 808, $1.05 million.
Devonshire Pl., 2737, No. 423, $720,000.
Embassy Park Dr., 4315, $1.22 million.
Euclid St., 1324, No. 402, $481,500.
Farragut St., 229, $720,000.
Florida Ave., 310, $1 million.
Florida Ave., 1704, $707,000.
French St., 921, $1.58 million.
Georgia Ave., 3205, No. 306, $315,000.
Georgia Ave., 7700, No. 103, $550,000.
Hillyer Pl., 2016, $2.4 million.
Idaho Ave., 3051, No. 324, $285,000.
Irving St., 1361, No. 14, $650,000.
Kalorama Rd., 1910, No. 505, $565,000.
Kennedy St., 826, $1.85 million.
Kennedy St., 839, No. C7, $319,000.
Kenyon St., 1390, No. 810, $630,000.
Langley Ct., 3901, No. E557, $530,000.
Logan Cir., 19, No. 200, $469,020.
M St., 910, No. 423, $585,000.
Massachusetts Ave., 301, No. 802, $516,000.
Massachusetts Ave., 1300, $449,000.
Massachusetts Ave., 4738, $2.3 million.

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Monroe St., 1623, $951,500.
N St., 1300, No. 801, $775,000.
Nebraska Ave., 5225, $1.33 million.
New Hampshire Ave., 1330, No. 411, $310,000.
New Jersey Ave., 1548, No. 2, $740,000.
New York Ave., 460, No. 606, $506,000.
North Dakota Ave., 6235, $828,000.
Oglethorpe St., 1400, No. 10, $276,000.
Ordway St., 2755, No. 202, $235,000.
Park Rd., 503, $479,900.
Pennsylvania Ave., 601, No. 907, $450,000.
Piney Branch Rd., 6300, $705,000.
Prospect St., 3317, $4.85 million.
Quebec St., 3527, $1.35 million.
R St., 1512, $2.3 million.
Randolph St., 1330, No. 1, $218,000.
Rhode Island Ave., 39, $1.09 million.
Roxboro Pl., 723, $699,000.
Scott Cir., 1, No. 501, $327,500.
Shepherd St., 956, $800,000.
Sherier Pl., 5305, $1.25 million.
Sudbury Pl., 2114, $894,500.
T St., 1307, No. 3, $840,000.
Tuckerman St., 1404, No. 204, $190,000.
Upshur St., 811, No. 1, $535,000.
V St., 1221, $900,000.
Varnum St., 817, No. 2, $719,500.
W St., 1209, $1 million.
Warren St., 3807, $1.55 million.
Western Ave., 4831, $1.05 million.
Whittier St., 416, $1.1 million.
Wyoming Ave., 1860, $425,000.
Third St., 4200, $665,000.
Fourth St., 811, No. 1110, $620,000.
Sixth St., 1128, No. 2, $351,000.
Seventh St., 7125, $1.35 million.
Eighth St., 5013, $850,000.
11th St., 1550, No. 304, $475,000.
12th St., 1916, No. 2, $1.38 million.
13th St., 1312, No. 4, $550,000.
13th St., 3523, No. 1, $815,000.
14th St., 1133, No. 1209, $405,000.
14th St., 3435, No. 3, $625,000.
15th St., 1332, No. 44, $418,000.
16th St., 1706, No. 4, $701,000.
17th St., 1401, No. 110, $378,500.
18th St., 1601, No. 416, $325,000.
20th St., 2410, No. 1, $313,000.
23rd St., 1155, No. 8J, $643,785.
25th St., 940, $162,500.
31st Pl., 5921, $1.56 million.
33rd St., 1015, No. 506, $1.32 million.
35th St., 1627, $2.58 million.
39th St., 3530, No. 650, $705,000.
43rd St., 5347, $1.18 million.
47th Pl., 1847, $1.82 million.
49th St., 4600, $1.25 million.

SOUTHEAST

A St., 1521, $1.05 million.
Bowen Rd., 4408, $225,000.
C St., 1211, $750,000.
Capitol St. E., 1621, No. 3, $399,990.
Chesapeake St., 502, $265,000.
Fairlawn Ave., 1629, $658,500.

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Hildreth St., 4201, $305,000.
K St., 1331, No. 2, $117,300.
M Pl., 3150, $503,000.
Massachusetts Ave., 1726, $1.09 million.
Pennsylvania Ave., 1391, No. 353, $281,000.
Sayles Pl., 2518, No. 8, $430,000.
U St., 1626, $549,000.
W St., 1328, $231,000.
Third St., 203, $5.1 million.
Sixth St., 404, $2.4 million.
11th St., 214, $1.25 million.
15th Pl., 3202, $435,000.
18th St., 114, $1.15 million.
33rd St., 2435, $890,000.
54th St., 39, $380,000.
56th Pl., 144, $500,000.

SOUTHWEST

Delaware Ave., 1301, $555,000.
M St., 300, No. N606, $320,000.
Sutton Sq., 45, No. 602, $860,000.
Third St., 1101, No. 712, $314,000.
Seventh St., 700, No. 501, $519,000.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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ASPEN HILL AREA

Ash Ct., 14408, $687,500.
Briarwood Terr., 14323, $638,000.
Clayton St., 14214, $573,000.
Freeland Rd., 13005, $485,000.
Kalmia St., 4401, $472,000.
Sycamore Lane, 16000, $560,000.

BETHESDA AREA

Arizona Cir., 10246, No. 36, $692,000.
Battery Lane, 4977, No. 1-415, $297,000.
Bradley Blvd., 5500, $2.34 million.
Breuer St., 10420, $975,000.
Burning Tree Rd., 8901, $3.29 million.
Chestnut St., 4406, $842,100.
Crescent St., 4908, $725,000.
Eagle Ridge Dr., 9605, $2.1 million.
Fox Gate Ct., 7807, $1.52 million.
Hemlock St., 7607, $2.57 million.
Kenhill Rd., 6508, $2.55 million.
Madison St., 5629, $1.65 million.
Mayfield Dr., 9927, $1.69 million.
Mountain Gate Dr., 7028, $1.95 million.
Osceola Rd., 5820, $1.42 million.
Sentinel Dr., 4982, No. 14-303, $905,000.
Tusculum Way, 9701, $1.48 million.
Westlake Terr., 7401, No. 904, $280,000.
Whitley Park Terr., 5450, No. 101, $420,000.
Wilson Lane, 7012, $1.2 million.

BOYDS AREA

Bear Creek Dr., 14206, $848,000.
Old Baltimore Rd. W., 12720, $902,000.



BROOKEVILLE AREA

Silver Hammer Way, 2709, $915,000.

BURTONSVILLE AREA

Hollyhock Dr., 3232, $650,000.

CABIN JOHN AREA

76th St., 6520, $1.21 million.

CALVERTON-COLESVILLE AREA

Brahms Terr., 13041, $430,000.
Dawn View Ct., 3, $550,000.
Kara Lane, 13312, $659,000.
Musicmaster Ct., 7, No. 79, $320,000.
Northwyn Dr., 14104, $711,000.
Sir Thomas Dr., 3317, No. 4-A-34, $190,000.

CHEVY CHASE AREA

Abilene Dr., 2814, $1.67 million.
Chevy Chase Lake Dr., 3535, No. 104, $438,000.
Dunlop St., 3700, $1.6 million.
Hillandale Rd., 6600, No. 71, $757,000.
Montgomery Ave., 9002, $1.05 million.
Walnut Hill Rd., 8801, $1.58 million.
Woodmont Ave., 7111, No. 307, $345,000.

CLARKSBURG AREA

Bluffwood Terr., 12243, $625,000.
Clarksburg Square Rd., 12849, $520,000.
Honey Hill Lane, 22330, $560,000.

CLOVERLY-EDNOR AREA

Basingstoke Lane, 14404, $675,000.
Crest Hill Lane, 14011, $650,000.
Netherlands Ct., 1138, $600,000.
Windmill Lane, 900, $575,000.

DAMASCUS AREA

Cutsail Dr., 24465, $629,900.
Oak Dr., 25103, $551,000.

DERWOOD AREA

Applewood Lane, 17531, $1.2 million.
Caddy Ct., 5, $640,000.
Connors Way, 16332, No. 10, $672,385.
Hayloft Dr., 18101, $1.05 million.
Needwood Rd., 8010, No. 7-103, $253,000.
Wapello Dr., 7210, $815,000.

FOUR CORNERS-BURNT MILLS AREA

Brookmoor Dr., 10130, $775,000.
Eastwood Ave., 10611, $627,000.
Greenock Rd., 10129, $535,000.
Leighton Ave., 403, $918,000.
Manchester Rd., 8601, No. 302, $160,000.
Mintwood St., 9301, $741,570.
Saint Lawrence Dr., 418, $1.16 million.
Wayne Ave. E., 95, No. 109, $195,000.

GAITHERSBURG AREA

Benji Ct., 38, No. 128, $250,000.
Coriander Dr., 7905, No. 301, $220,000.
Elioak Terr., 7568, $410,000.
Girard St., 442, No. 282, $145,000.
Meadow Vista Way, 17703, $410,000.
Sanders Lane, 413, $540,000.
Swan Stream Dr., 18317, $550,000.
Whetstone Glen St., 450, $550,000.

GAITHERSBURG-NORTH POTOMAC AREA

Alfandre St., 325, $900,000.
Bondy Way, 13300, $875,000.
Carry Back Dr., 14968, $773,000.
Copen Meadow Dr., 16001, $585,500.
Fields Rd., 9624, $688,590.
Gold Kettle Dr., 214, $475,000.
Kendrick Pl., 184, No. 28, $377,500.
Little Quarry Rd., 219, $773,000.
Mustang Hill Lane, 13810, $676,200.
Pleasant Meadow Dr., 11610, $551,500.
Ridgepoint Pl., 114, $631,000.
Sioux Lane, 16567, $660,000.
Story Dr., 3, $415,000.
Vanderbilt Cir., 10024, No. 9-14, $405,000.

GERMANTOWN AREA

Alderleaf Dr., 12935, $400,000.
Churchill Ridge Cir., 12904, No. 3-13, $290,000.
Cross Ridge Ct., 14, $285,000.
Eagles Roost Dr., 18541, $380,000.
Lark Song Terr., 18905, $335,000.
Open Hearth Way, 13027, $345,000.
Post Creek Pl., 12500, $385,000.
Red Robin Terr., 19045, $410,000.
Shipley Terr., 20217, No. 2-B-301, $230,000.
Tattershall Pl., 14120, $880,000.
Waterford Hills Blvd., 13423, $205,000.
White Saddle Dr., 19619, $322,500.

KENSINGTON AREA

Coronada Pl., 11913, $485,000.
Drumm Ave., 10208, $1.19 million.
Everett St., 4524, $1.67 million.
Lawrence Ave., 4017, $680,000.
Orleans Way, 10905, $1.82 million.

LAYTONSVILLE AREA

Ambergate Ct., 9724, $345,000.
Log House Ct., 9811, $834,000.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE AREA

Brassie Pl., 19435, No. 204, $155,000.
Dockside Terr., 9814, $217,500.
Hawk Run Terr., 8605, $365,000.
Mills Choice Rd., 19104, No. 3, $205,000.
Silverfield Dr., 19921, $780,000.
Walkers Choice Rd., 18710, No. 1, $135,000.

MULLINIX AREA

Ridge Rd., 28724, $380,000.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ESTATES-HILLANDALE AREA

Piney Branch Rd., 8830, No. 505, $202,500.

NORBECK-LAYHILL AREA

Beaverbrook Ct., 15311, No. 90-2C, $175,000.
Elkridge Way, 15210, No. 91-3H, $234,000.
Fernedge Rd., 13111, $550,000.
Hathaway Dr., 13201, $635,000.
Interlachen Dr., 15101, No. 1-706, $195,000.
Interlachen Dr., 15115, No. 3-522, $200,000.
Kelmscot Dr., 14601, No. 239-B, $420,000.
Leisure World Blvd. N., 3310, No. 218, $190,000.
Leisure World Blvd. S., 2901, No. 132, $355,000.
Mahan Rd., 4317, $429,000.
Normandy Square Ct., 14, No. 3BE, $235,000.
Peppertree Lane, 4007, $449,000.
Tarkington Lane, 3533, No. 62-B, $373,000.

OLNEY AREA

McGee Way, 2908, $291,000.
Queen Elizabeth Dr., 18328, $680,000.
Shotley Bridge Pl., 17806, $522,000.
Weston Pl., 4665, $557,000.

POOLESVILLE AREA

Jerusalem Church Rd., 18610, $450,000.

POTOMAC AREA

Alloway Dr., 10712, $1.4 million.
Berger Terr., 11342, $1.25 million.
Cambridge Manor Ct., 9228, $1.65 million.
Cliffe Hill Way, 1825, $850,000.
Coddle Harbor Lane, 7809, No. 6, $499,900.
Donegal Ct., 10101, $1.4 million.
Fallsmead Way, 1410, $930,000.
Glynshire Way, 9806, $1.51 million.
Henslowe Dr., 2410, $910,620.
Kendale Rd., 9410, $1 million.
Lincolnshire Dr., 12724, $1.05 million.
Ormond Rd., 10105, $1.36 million.
Rock Run Dr., 11010, $1.02 million.
Sorrel Ave., 9912, $1.38 million.
Windsor View Terr., 8217, $1.25 million.

ROCKVILLE AREA

Autumn Wind Way, 602, $990,000.
Blackwell Rd., 9405, No. 103, $419,000.
Crownwood Ct., 2, $483,000.
Forest Ave., 218, $670,000.
Jay Dr., 237, No. 90, $440,000.
Old Georgetown Rd., 11700, No. 1514, $795,000.
Old Stage Rd., 6820, $1.29 million.
Pitt Ct., 1, $777,500.
Talbott St., 121, $235,000.